

CROW'S NEST



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TWO INTERESTING RATING BADGES

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NAVY

BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2nd CLASS



WHAT IN THE WORLD DO WE HAVE HERE

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER FROM NHNSG



SUBMITTED BY
BOB ARMSTRONG

FOR ANOTHER FOREIGN PETTY OFFICER
RATING SEE PAGE 15

COULD THIS BE NEW HAMPSHIRE NAVAL SECURITY
OR STATE GUARD? ANY IDEAS?

NOTE THE PRE 1941 EAGLE, AND MOST UNUSUAL
CPO ARC; NOT THE CURVED STYLE OF U.S.
NAVY RATINGS

TURRET CAPTAIN CHIEF
RARE RED CHEVRONS ON USMC
FOREST GREEN BACKGROUND



D.F. SULLIVAN



COR DECK OFFICER USMC
SEWN ON CORPS INSIGNIA

W.J. MURPHY



Edward Preble
American Naval Officer
1761-1807



NEW JERSEY NAVAL MILITIA
LT. RANK SAMPSON UNIFORM COAT
RIGHT SIDE COLLAR INSIGNIA

SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RHODE



THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES
SUBMITTED BY
BARRY L. COMMONS



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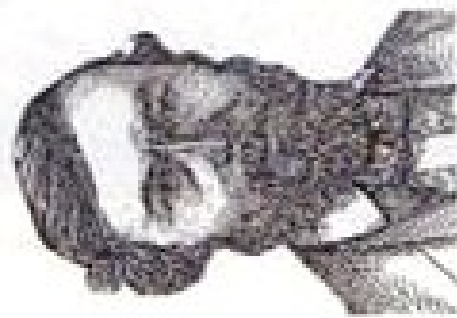
UPPER LEFT & LOWER RIGHT
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OTHER TWO FULL SIZE

NOTE
CENTER OF PATCH
HAS THE NORTHERN
AND SOUTHERN
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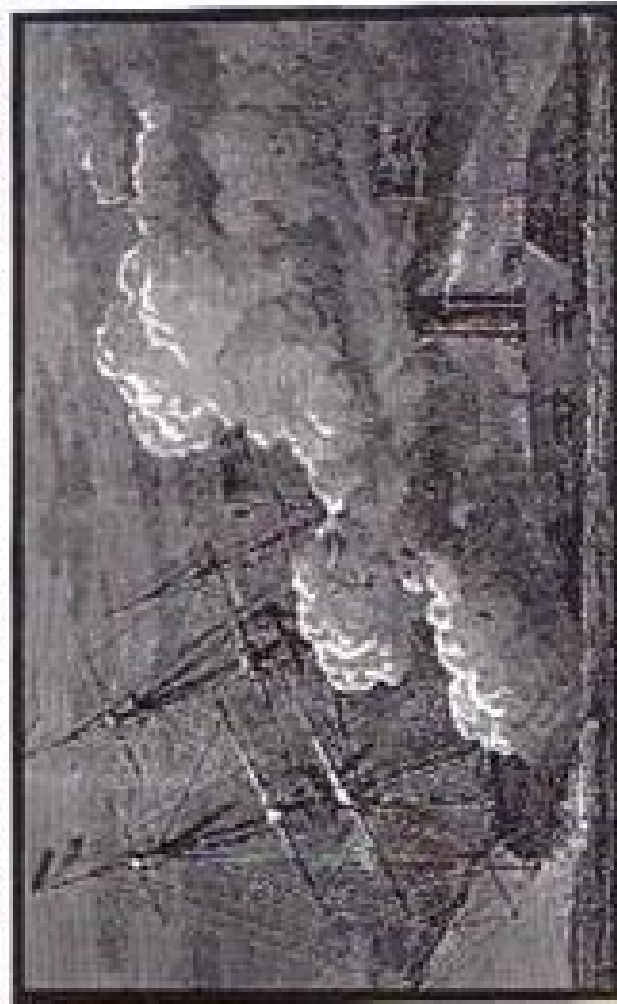


NOTE
INSIDE RIM HAS
SWIMMER DELIVERY VEHICLE
OPERATOR TRAINING

C.S.S. VIRGINIA - IRONCLAD OF THE CIVIL WAR - FORMERLY U.S.S. MERRIMACK



LIEUT. JOHN TAYLOR WOOD
OFFICER OF THE MERRIMACK



THE CONFEDERATE RAM VIRGINIA RAMMING THE
MONITOR - BATTLE OF HAMPTON ROADS - 8 MARCH 1862



LIEUT. CATESBY JP. R. JONES
C.O. OF THE MERRIMACK
C.O. SECOND DAY'S BATTLE WITH
THE MONITOR - 9 MARCH 1862

AFTER RAMMING AND RECONSTRUCTION BY THE CONFEDERATES
MERRIMACK WAS RENAMED C.S.S. VIRGINIA AND
COMMISSIONED 17 FEB 1862.

FLAG OFFICER FRANKLIN DICHMANAN
COMMANDER OF THE MERRIMACK ON
FIRST DAY'S BATTLE WITH FEDERAL SLOOP USS
CURTIS - 8 MARCH 1862 - WOUNDED
AND EVACUATED THAT NIGHT

IRON OVERBOWS WERE 108 x 36 FEET AND 3,200 TONS.
SHE CARRIED A SINGLE BOW AND STEER GUN,
AND EIGHT BROADSIDE GUNS.



FIRST DAY'S BATTLE 8 MARCH 1862

SAILING INTO HAMPTON ROADS THICKENED BY C.S.S. HALLIDAY AND
BEAUFORT, AND WITH PATRICK HENRY, JAMESTOWN AND TEASER,
VIRGINIA PICKED OUT HER FIRST VICTIM - THE FEDERAL SLOOP USS
CURTIS AND WEST OF NEWPORT NEWS - FIRING ON CURTIS AS
SHE PASSED. WITH HEAVY FIRE SHE RAMMED CURTIS, AND WHICH
LARGE TAKING 131 MEN AND VIRGINIA'S RAN WITH HER. VIRGINIA
NOW ATTACKED CURTIS - THE FEDERAL SHIP STRUCK HER
COLORS, AND STILL BURNING, EXPLODED ABOUT MIDNIGHT.
VIRGINIA'S COMMANDING OFFICER WAS WOUNDED IN THIS ACTION

CONFEDERATES HAD TO DESTROY HER AT THE MOUTH OF THE JAMES RIVER 11 MAY 1862

SUBMITTED BY

STEVE RONDE

SOME BEAUTIFUL HAND EMBROIDERED CAP BADGES



U.S. COAST & GEODETIC SURVEY
OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE TYPE I
USED UNTIL LATE 1944



U.S. COAST & GEODETIC SURVEY
OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE TYPE II
ADOPTED IN 1944 AND NOW
USED BY ALL NOAA OFFICERS



U.S.M.S. WARRANT OFFICER

AT THE BEGINNING OF WWI THE CAP DEVICE FOR USMS OFFICERS & WO HAD THE EAGLE ABOVE THE SHIELD. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IN 1945 THE EAGLE WAS REMOVED TO MAKE A WO CAP DEVICE. LATER THE LETTERS USMS WERE PLACED ABOVE THE WREATH.

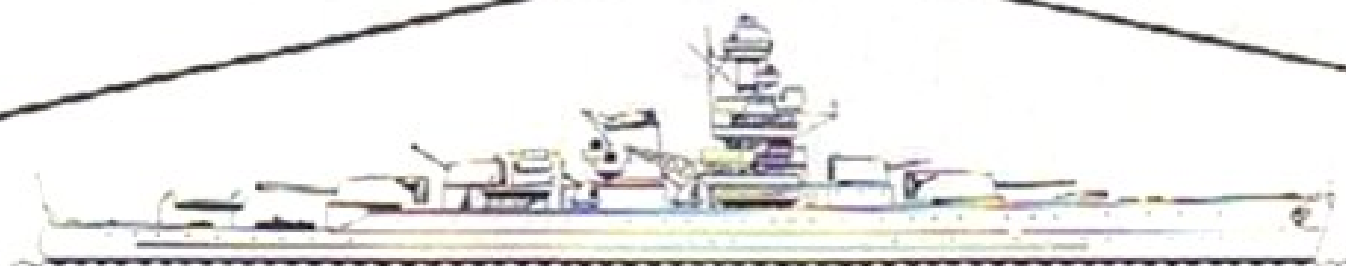
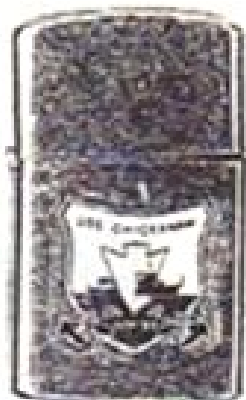


U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S TYPE CAP DEVICE
EAGLE FACING RIGHT IN THE PRE 1941 PATTERN,
BUT WHY IS THE SHIELD RED-WHITE-BLUE



ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE
WHEELMAN PETTY OFFICER CAP DEVICE

IN ISSUE NO. 11 PAGE 20 RUDY BASURTO SENT IN SOME NICE NAVY POLICE BADGES. HERE ARE TWO MORE, BUT SUBMITTED BY FELLOW COLLECTOR WILLIAM J. MURPHY



van Gansbeke

Above sketch of Sweden's two new 2000-ton pocket battleships under construction is based on that shown in June's Fighting Ships. With 10 inches of armor covering their steel arcs, these ships will be much superior to Germany's pocket types. Their four 10-inch guns, grouped in twin turrets, are to be more powerful than their present 11-inch guns. Six 4.7-inch A.A. are triple-mounted in superlating position.

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DO THE LETTERS NCC STAND FOR
NAVAL CADET CORPS?

GOLD ANCHOR-RED SHIP'S WHEEL AND NCC-WHITE EAGLE AND LINE; EAGLE IS HOLDING A YELLOW BRANCH IN HIS BEAK; SHIELD DIVIDED UPPER BLUE, LOWER WHITE; ALL EMBROIDERED ON NAVY BLUE WITH CHEESE CLOTH BACKING ON REVERSE



TEXAS NAVAL MILITIA

OFFICER'S BULLION CAP INSIGNIA
SHIELD DIVIDED INTO FOUR SEGMENTS
LOWER BLUE, TOP TWO RED, CENTER
WHITE WITH RED STAR

SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RHOE

THE FOLLOWING THREE PAGES CONTRIBUTED BY

BARRY COMMONS, 27146 BONLEE AVE,
CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91351

USS ANGLER SS-240
LAUNCHED: 4 JULY 1943
SSK: 18 FEB 1953
AGSS: JUNE 1963
STRIKE DATE: 15 DEC 1971
AS AN IXSS - SCRAPPED



FROM THE
COLLECTION OF
JACK BOWLES

PATCH 6"



USS SILVERSIDES SS-236
LAUNCHED: 26 AUGUST 1941
DECOM: 17 APRIL 1946
USNR TRAINING: 1947-1962
AGSS: 6 NOV 1962
STRIKE DATE: 30 JUNE 1969
MEMORIAL - CHICAGO



USS DRUM SS-228
LAUNCHED: 12 MAY 1941
DECOM: 16 FEB 1946
USNR TRAINING: 1947-1962
STRIKE DATE: 30 JUNE 1968
MEMORIAL - MOBILE, ALA

SIZE REDUCED 36%



TECHNICAL DATA BY MARY ANNE RONDE



USS BLUEGILL SS-242
 LAUNCHED: 8 AUGUST 1943
 SSK: 2 MAY 1953
 SUNK AS A SALVAGE HULK
 26 JUNE 1969

ACTUAL SIZES

A - 4 3/4"
 B - 6"
 C - 5"
 D - 4"
 E - 6"

SIZE REDUCED 36%



USS CAVALLA SS-244
 LAUNCHED: 14 NOV 1943
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 SS: 15 AUG 1959
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 MEMORIAL-GALVESTON, TX





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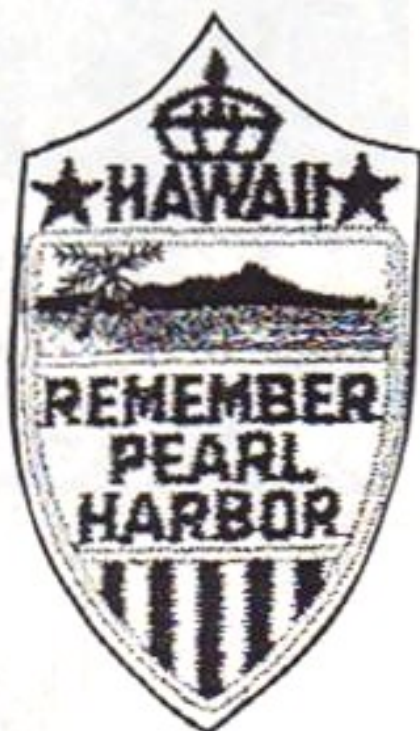
USS BASHAW SS-241
LAUNCHED 25 JULY 1943
SSK: 18 FEB 1953
AGSS: SEPT 1962
SUNK AS TARGET
13 SEPT 1969



ACTUAL SIZES
A - 4 3/4 x 5 1/2"
B - 4 1/2 x 6"
C - 3 3/4 x 5"
D - 3 3/4 x 4"
E - 4 1/2 x 5"



REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR



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PELHAM BAY
NAVAL TRAINING
STATION N.Y.

AS PROMISED ON PAGE 31
OF LAST ISSUE MORE POST
CARD SHOTS OF PENTS

FROM THE BIG HOME IN
THIS PHOTO THIS MUST
HAVE BEEN A LARGE
ESTATE AT ONE TIME.



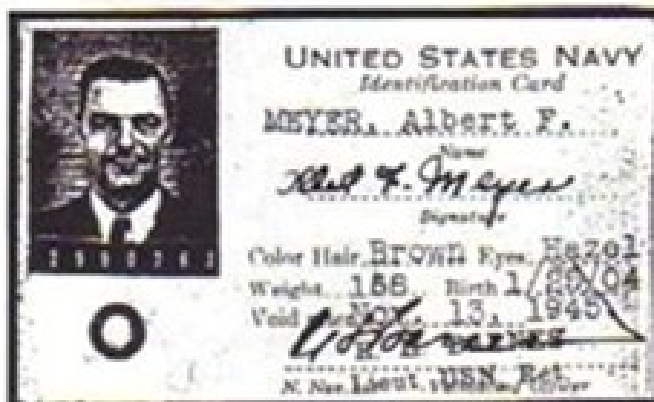
SHAM BATTLE DRILL AT PELHAM BAY NAVAL TRAINING STATION, N. Y.



JACKS LEARN HOW TO USE FIELD GUNS AT PELHAM BAY NAVAL TRAINING STATION, N. Y.

DOES ANYONE HAVE
INFO ON WHAT THIS
AREA WAS PRE 1917?

THANKS TO
CHUCK SASS



U.S. NAVY CPO ID CARD OF WWII

ALBERT WAS BORN ON 25 JAN 1904. HE
RECEIVED A COMMISSION AND MADE LT.
PRIOR TO 1 JULY 1945. HIS OFFICER'S FILE
NO. WAS 197355 AND HE RETIRED AS A
LCDR PRIOR TO 1 JAN 1958. HE WOULD BE
90 YEARS OLD IF ALIVE TODAY.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

**CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE**

12 YEAR GOOD CONDUCT RATING EAGLE AND CAMERA.
SILVER BULLION CHEVRONS GOLD LACE ON NAVY BLUE
BEAUTIFULLY MADE RATING SENT IN BY
WILLIAM J. MURPHY



PETTY OFFICER 3-2-1 CLASS
SILVER TINSEL THREAD EMBROIDERED ON BLUE TWILL



USMM CADET DECK FIRST CLASS
SHOULDER MARK

BUT WHY FOUR STRIPES?

SUBMITTED BY
DAVE COLLAR



BRITISH NAVY
SILVER METAL
CAP BADGE
1 7/8 x 1 3/8"

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE CADET NURSE CORPS OF WORLD WAR II



SILVER - PIN BACK
WORN ON THE GRAY BERET



NOTE SILVER CAP INSIGNIA AND SHOULDER
PATCH WORN BY THESE TWO LADIES



USPHS COLLAR INSIGNIA
AND BUTTONS WERE SILVER

WHITE SHOULDER PATCH
WORN ON THE WORKING
UNIFORM



GRAY SHOULDER PATCH
WORN ON THE DRESS UNIFORM
VARIATION WITH WHITE RIM

ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JUNE 1943
VOLUNTEER WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 AND 35

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

ROYAL SAUDI NAVY - CHIEF QUARTERMASTER

GOLD & GREEN NATIONAL SYMBOL ABOVE WHITE
 ANCHORS ON WHITE - CHEVRONS RED - ALL ON A NAVY
 BLUE BACKGROUND - U.S. MADE FOR SAUDI ARABIAN NAVY



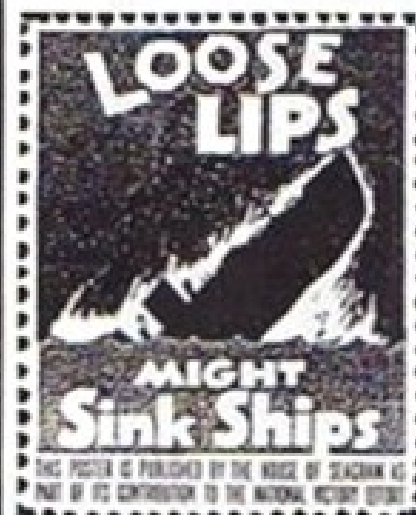
SUBMITTED BY STEVE ROMER

**NATIONALIST CHINA**

CAPTAIN LINE OFFICER - GOLD
 STRIPES - SILVER & BLUE SUN - GOLD
 BUTTON ON NAVY BLUE SHOULDER MARK



PANANA DAVE COLLAR SENDS IN THREE VERY INTERESTING VARIETIES OF THE
 ATS OVERSEAS OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE. THE PIN ON THE LEFT WAS MADE IN
 AUSTRALIA; CENTER-VANGUARD; RIGHT-GEMSCÓ. THE ATS OVERSEAS CAP
 EAGLES ARE HARD ENOUGH TO FIND, LET ALONE THREE DIFFERENT
 MANUFACTURERS. GOOD SHOW, DAVE!



WORLD WAR II POSTER

AVIATION ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE OPERATOR 3rd CLASS

THESE EAGLES OBVIOUSLY DID NOT HAVE THE SAME PARENTS; WINGS VERY DIFFERENT, AND RATING ON THE LEFT HAS INK LINES TO SHOW PERSON STITCHING IN DESIGN WHERE TO SEW



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

MORE FOREIGN MADE U.S. NAVY P.O. RATINGS



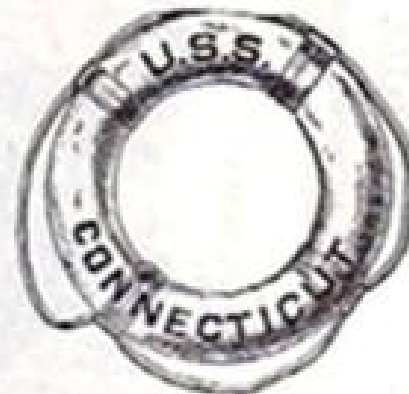
Historical Flags and Navy Relics.



U.S. UNION JACK FROM THE U. S. FLAGSHIP OLYMPIA. One 34 inch, blue field, of which white stars. Flag above compasses, bottom, is top of center of picture. Historical relic that will become in your life very precious with history.



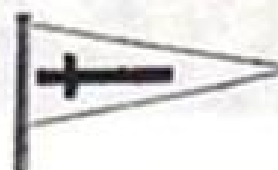
ADM. ADRIAL DOWRY'S BEAR ADMIRAL FLAG. One 34 inch, blue field, of which white stars. Flag above compasses, bottom, is top of center of picture. Historical relic that will become in your life very precious with history.



ADM. LIFE RING WHITE. From the U. S. S. Connecticut, One 34 inch, blue field, of which white stars. Flag above compasses, bottom, is top of center of picture. Historical relic that will become in your life very precious with history.



ADM. U. S. FLAGSHIP OLYMPIA PENNANT. One 34 inch, blue field, of which white stars. Flag above compasses, bottom, is top of center of picture. Historical relic that will become in your life very precious with history.



CONTRIBUTED BY SARGE

ADM. CHURCH PENNANT FROM ADMIRAL DOWRY'S FLAGSHIP OLYMPIA-ONE OF BOAT PENNANT. One 34 inch, blue field, of which white stars. Flag above compasses, bottom, is top of center of picture. Historical relic that will become in your life very precious with history.

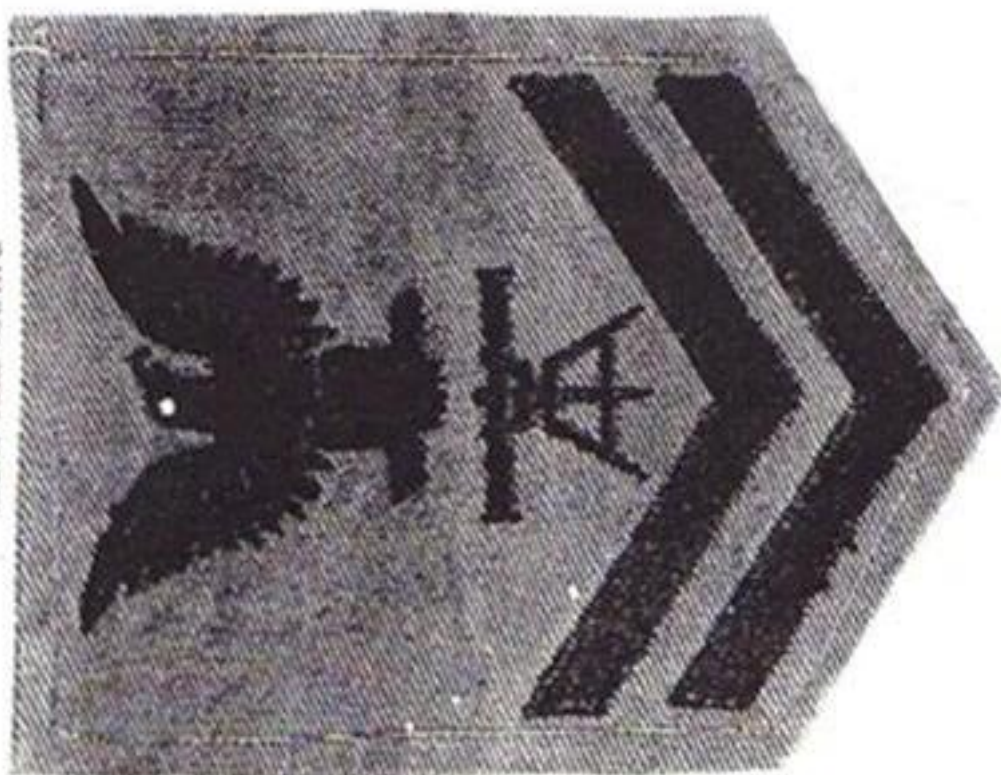
U.S. NAVY EXPERIMENTAL GRAY ENLISTED RATINGS OF WWII

IN OCTOBER 1943 GRAYS WERE AUTHORIZED FOR ENLISTEDMEN AT SEA; SAME DESIGN AND FABRIC, INCLUDING HAT, AS UNDRRESS WHITE JUMPER AND PANTS. HOWEVER, THESE PLANS WERE DEFERRED IN APRIL 1944.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE 1st CLASS
LEFT ARM RATING



FIRE CONTROLMAN 2nd CLASS
RIGHT ARM RATING



CONTRIBUTED BY A.J. (JIM) BROWNING SKCS USNR

LETTER ABBREVIATIONS OF NAVAL SHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

THE OFFICIAL DATE OF ADOPTION IS 17 JULY 1920

Symbols such as BB, CC, DD, SS, and AS for battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarine tenders, respectively, were not authorized by the Navy until 1920. Before that time, the symbols were unofficial abbreviations used for the sake of convenience.

The classifications for Navy ships have continued to change and expand over the years as new ship types or missions were conceived. A comprehensive list of ship classifications which are or have been assigned follows. The list excludes yard craft, landing craft and non-self propelled barges which are of marginal interest to most naval cover collectors.

Classification Ship Type

AC	Collier
ACM	Auxiliary Mine Layer
ACR	Armored Aircraft Cruiser
ACV	Auxiliary Aircraft Carrier
AD	Destroyer Tender
ADG	Deicing Ship
ADGE	Escort Research Ship
AE	Ammunition Ship
AF	Store Ship
AFS	Combat Store Ship
AG	Miscellaneous Auxiliary
AGB	Icebreaker
AGC	Amphibious Force Flagship
AGDE	Escort Research Ship
AGDS	Deep Submergence Support Ship
AGEM	Hydrofoil Research Ship
AGFR	Environmental Research Ship
AGF	Miscellaneous Command Ship
AGFT	Frigate Research Ship
AGHS	Patrol Combatant Support Ship
AGL	Lighthouse Tender (CG)
AGM	Missile Range Instrumentation Ship
AGMR	Major Communication Relay Ship
AGP	Motor Torpedo Boat Tender
AGOR	Oceanographic Research Ship
AGS	Surveying Ship
AGSC	Coastal Survey Ship
AGSL	Satellite Launch Ship
AGSS	Auxiliary Submarine
AH	Hospital Ship
AK	Cargo Ship
AKA	Attack Cargo Ship
AKD	Cargo Ship Dock
AKL	Light Cargo Ship
AKN	Net Cargo Ship
AKR	Vehicle Cargo Ship
AKS	General Stores Issue Ship
AKV	Cargo Ship and Aircraft Ferry
AI	Lightship
AM	Minerwrepper
AMC	Coastal Minerwrepper
AN	Net Laying Ship
AO	Oiler
AOE	Fast Combat Support Ship
AOG	Gasoline Tanker
AOR	Replenishment Oiler
AOSS	Auxiliary Oiler Submarine
AOT	Transport Oiler
AP	Transport
APA	Attack Transport
APB	Self-propelled Barracks Ship
APC	Small Coastal Transport
APD	High Speed Transport
APH	Transport (Evacuation of Wounded)
APSS	Transport Submarine
AR	Repair Ship
ARB	Battle Damage Repair Ship
ARC	Cable Repairing or Laying Ship
ARD	Auxiliary Repair Drydock
ARG	Internal Combustion Engine Repair Ship
ARL	Repair Ship, Small
ARS	Salvage Ship
ARSD	Salvage Lifting Ship
ARST	Salvage Craft Tender

Classification Ship Type

ARV	Aircraft Repair Ship
ARVA	Aircraft Repair Ship - Aircraft
ARVE	Aircraft Repair Ship - Engine
AS	Submarine Tender
ASR	Submarine Rescue Ship
ASSA	Auxiliary Cargo Submarine
ASSP	Auxiliary Transport Submarine
AT	Tug (ocean going)
ATA	Auxiliary Ocean Tug
ATF	Fleet Ocean Tug
ATO	Ocean Tug, Old
ATS	Salvage and Rescue Tug
ATU	Utility Ocean Tug
AV	Seaplane Tender
AVB	Advanced Aviation Base Ship
AVC	Catapult Lighter
AVD	Seaplane Tender, Destroyer
AVG	Aircraft Escort Vessel
AVM	Guided Missile Ship
AVP	Small Seaplane Tender
AVR	Aircraft Rescue Vessel
AVS	Aviation Supply Ship
AVT	Auxiliary Aircraft Transport or Auxiliary Aircraft Landing Training Ship
AW	Distilling Ship
AZ	Airship Tender
BB	Battleship
BM	Monitor
C	Protected Cruiser
CA	Heavy Cruiser
CAG	Guided Missile Heavy Cruiser
CB	Large Cruiser (1940)
CC	Battle Cruiser (1921)
CG	Missile Cruiser
CGN	Nuclear Powered Missile Cruiser
CL	Light Cruiser
CLAA	Anti Aircraft Light Cruiser
CLC	Tactical Command Ship
CLG	Guided Missile Light Cruiser
CLGN	Nuclear Powered Missile Cruiser
CLK	Hunter Killer Ship
CM	Converted Mine Layer
CMC	Coastal Mine Layer
CS	Scout Cruiser
CV	Aircraft Carrier, multi purpose
CVA	Attack Aircraft Carrier
CVAN	Nuclear Powered Attack Aircraft Carrier
CVB	Large Aircraft Carrier
CVHE	Fast Helicopter Carrier
CVL	Small Aircraft Carrier
CVS	ASW Aircraft Carrier
CVT	Training Aircraft Carrier
CVU	Utility Aircraft Carrier
DD	Destroyer
DDB	Escort Destroyer
DDG	Guided Missile Destroyer
DDR	Radar Picket Destroyer
DE	Destroyer Escort
DEG	Missile Escort
DER	Radar Picket Escort
DL	Frigate
DLG	Missile Frigate
DLGN	Nuclear Powered Missile Frigate
DM	Destroyer Minesweeper
DMS	Destroyer Minesweeper
DSRV	Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel
DSV	Deep Submergence Vehicle
FF	Frigate
FFG	Missile Frigate
IFS	Inshore Fire Support Ship
IX	Unclassified Miscellaneous Vessel
LCC	Amphibious Command Ship
LHA	Amphibious Assault Ship
LKA	Amphibious Cargo Ship
LPA	Amphibious Transport Ship

Classification Ship Type

LPD	Amphibious Transport Dock
LPH	Amphibious Assault Ship (Helicopter)
LSD	Dock Landing Ship
LSIL	Infantry Landing Ship, Large
LSM	Medium Landing Ship
LSMR	Medium Landing Ship, Rocket
LSSL	Support Landing Ship, Large
LST	Tank Landing Ship
LSV	Vehicle Landing Ship
MCS	Countermeasures Support Ship
MMF	Fleet Minesweeper
MSC	Coastal Minesweeper (non magnetic)
MSF	Fleet Minesweeper (steel hull)
MSO	Ocean Minesweeper (non magnetic)
NR	Submersible Research Vessel
PB	Patrol Boat
PBR	River Patrol Boat
PC	Submarine Chaser
PCF	Escort (steel hull)
PCF	Fast Patrol Craft
PCN	Hydrofoil Patrol Craft
PCS	Submarine Chaser, Sweeper
PE	Eagle Boat
PF	Patrol Escort, Frigate
PG	Gunboat, Corvette
PGH	Hydrofoil Patrol Gunboat
PGM	Motor Gunboat
PHM	Patrol Combatant Missile, Hydrofoil
PR	River Gunboat
PT	Motor Torpedo Boat (1941); Patrol Boat (later)
PTI	Fast Patrol Boat
PV	Patrol Vessel, Converted Yacht
PYC	Patrol Vessel, Converted Yacht, Coastal
SC	Submarine Chaser
SF	Fleet Submarine
SM	Mine Laying Submarine
SS	Submarine
SSA	Cargo Submarine
SSBN	Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine
SSG	Missile Submarine
SSGN	Nuclear Powered Missile Submarine
SSK	Killer Submarine
SSN	Nuclear Attack Submarine
SSO	Oiler Submarine
SSP	Transport Submarine
SSR	Radar Picket Submarine
SSRN	Nuclear Powered Radar Picket Submarine
SST	Target/Training Submarine
SSX	Midsize Submarine
TB	Torpedo Boat
YMS	Motor Mine Sweeper
YN	Net Tender (boom)
YNG	Net Tender (gate vessel)
YP	Patrol Craft
YT	Harbor Tug

Notes

1. Initially, the nuclear propulsion designator was shown as (N). Later, the parentheses were removed. In this listing, only the current version without parentheses is shown.

2. "E" before the classification indicates the ship is experimental; the use of a "T" indicates that the ship is assigned to the Military Sealift Command and civilian manned. In neither case are the letters "E" and "T" part of the official classification.

3. The letter "X" is added to existing classifications to indicate a new class whose characteristics have not been defined.

A GROUP OF MISC INSIGNIA FROM A MILITARY STORE IN PANAMA

ALL ARE ON THE ORIGINAL CARDS FROM THE MANUFACTURER

U.S.M.S. OFFICERS

GOLD ON STERLING SHIRT
COLLAR DEVICE LEFT SIDE
RANK ON THE RIGHT

GOLD USN

THIS HAS THE EARLY ROUND
PERIODS AND WAS WORN ON
THE BAND COLLAR OR CAP OF
OFFICERS' STEWARDS AND COOKS

TRANSPORTATION CORPS

GOLD ON STERLING WORN BY BOTH
ARMY OFFICERS AND TRANSPORTATION
AGENTS OF THE WATER DIVISION
U.S. ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS

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ATS WHEELMAN

GOLD WIRE ON BLUE WOOL - GEMSCO

U.S.C.G. CPO

SILVER BULLION SHIELD
ON GRAY FOR SLEEVE OF
USCG CPOs ONLY

ATS CARPENTER

GOLD BULLION ON NAVY BLUE WOOL

COMBAT AIR CREW
MINI SILVER BADGEU.S.M.S. MEDICAL PURSER

SEE CN NO. 12-PAGE 11

AN INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF A DATA PROCESSING TECHNICIAN (FORMERLY MACHINE ACCOUNTANT) CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RATING WITH GOLD CHEVRONS FOR 12 YEARS GOOD CONDUCT. THIS HAS HAD THE BULLION WIRE AND THREADS REMOVED FROM THE CROW AND SPECIALTY MARK. THE CROW IS A PAPER CUT OUT GLUED ON AS A SEWING GUIDE.



SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RHOE



NAVAL OFFICER'S DRESS BELT BUCKLE

THIS IS A PRE 1941 DESIGN WITH THE EAGLE FACING TO THE VIEWER'S RIGHT. ALL ONE PIECE; NOT LIKE MOST SEEN HAVING ONE SIDE SEPARATE TO LOCK INTO BACK. BELIEVED TO BE PRE 1900.

CAN ANYONE PEG THE VINTAGE?



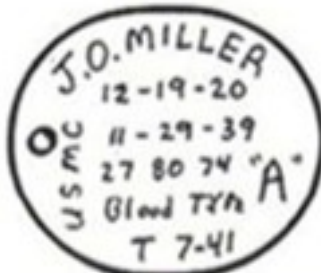
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INFO BY STEVE RHOE

U.S.S. OMAHA

USS OMAHA CL-4 LAID DOWN: 6 DEC 1918 LAUNCHED: 14 DEC 1920 COMMISSIONED: 24 FEB 1923

ON 6 NOVEMBER 1941 WHILE ON SOUTH ATLANTIC PATROL THE USS OMAHA CAPTURED THE GERMAN MERCHANT SHIP "ODENWALD" FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG. THE GERMANS ATTEMPTED TO SCUTTLE HER, BUT THE OMAHA BOARDING PARTY TOOK THEIR PRIZE AND SENT THE "ODENWALD" TO PUERTO RICO. THE USS OMAHA WAS STRUCK FROM THE NAVY LIST ON 28 NOVEMBER 1945 AND SCRAPPED FEBRUARY 1946.

CAREER ENLISTED MARINENOV 1939 - DEC 1959

M/SGT JOHN O. MILLER SN 278074
 DOB: 19 DEC 1920 DOE: 29 NOV 1939
 SERVED IN WWII - KOREAN WAR
 TAG ISSUED: GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA 1941
 RETIRED: 31 DECEMBER 1959
 DIED: 18 JAN 1985 10:00 AM SUNNYVALE, CA

M-1917/1941 ID TAG

THIS IS A M-1917/1941 BECAUSE IT IS AN OVAL MONEL METAL ACID ETCHED TAG WITH HAND PRINTED INFO ON THE OBTVERSE, AND THE MAN'S RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT ON THE REVERSE. IN 1941 THE MARINE CORPS ADOPTED AN ENLISTED SERIAL NUMBER SYSTEM, AND ADDED THE BLOOD TYPE AND T-DATE TO THE EXISTING INFO OF DATE OF BIRTH AND DATE OF ENLISTMENT. IN 1942 THE DOB & DOE WAS DISCONTINUED WITH THE ADOPTION OF MACHINE STAMPED TAGS IN TWO TYPES OF METAL, BRASS AND MONEL.



ID CARD
 REDUCED
 15%



IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BOTH A SERVICEMAN'S
 ID TAG AND HIS ID CARD.

MORE TO FOLLOW ON ID TAGS IN EACH ISSUE OF THE CROW'S NEST

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DEGATUR RONDE

NATIONALIST CHINA

MARINE CORPS CAP INSIGNIA
 SILVER GLOBE & ANCHOR - SILVER
 SUN ON BLUE DISC - ALL ON A
 DARK BROWN OVAL WITH GOLD RIM



CHARLES H. BOGART

U.S.S. ABNAKI AT-96/ATF-96 1943 - DATE

THE ABNAKI ARE AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE LIVING IN MAINE AND CANADA

(AT-96: dp. 1240; l. 205'; b. 38'6"; dr. 15'4"; s. 16.5 k.;
cpl. 85; a. 13"; cl. Cherokee)

Abnaki (AT-96) was launched 22 April 1943 by Charleston Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Charleston, S. C.; sponsored by Mrs. James Mayon Jones; commissioned 15 November 1943, Lieutenant D. Walley in command; and reported to the Atlantic Fleet.

Between February 1944 and May 1945 Abnaki made four trans-Atlantic voyages. She was reclassified ATF-96, 15 May 1944. In June 1944 she towed to Bermuda the German submarine U-565 which had been captured by the Guadalcanal (CVE-60) task group.

Reporting to the Pacific Fleet in the summer of 1945, Abnaki served intermittently with the occupation forces in Japan until the outbreak of the Korean hostilities. Between 23 June 1951 and 15 February 1952 she operated with Service Division 31 furnishing mobile logistic support to the fleet during the Korean operations.

Since the cessation of hostilities in Korea, Abnaki has remained active with the Pacific Fleet. During February 1955 she took an active part in the evacuation of Chinese Nationalists from the Tachen Islands.

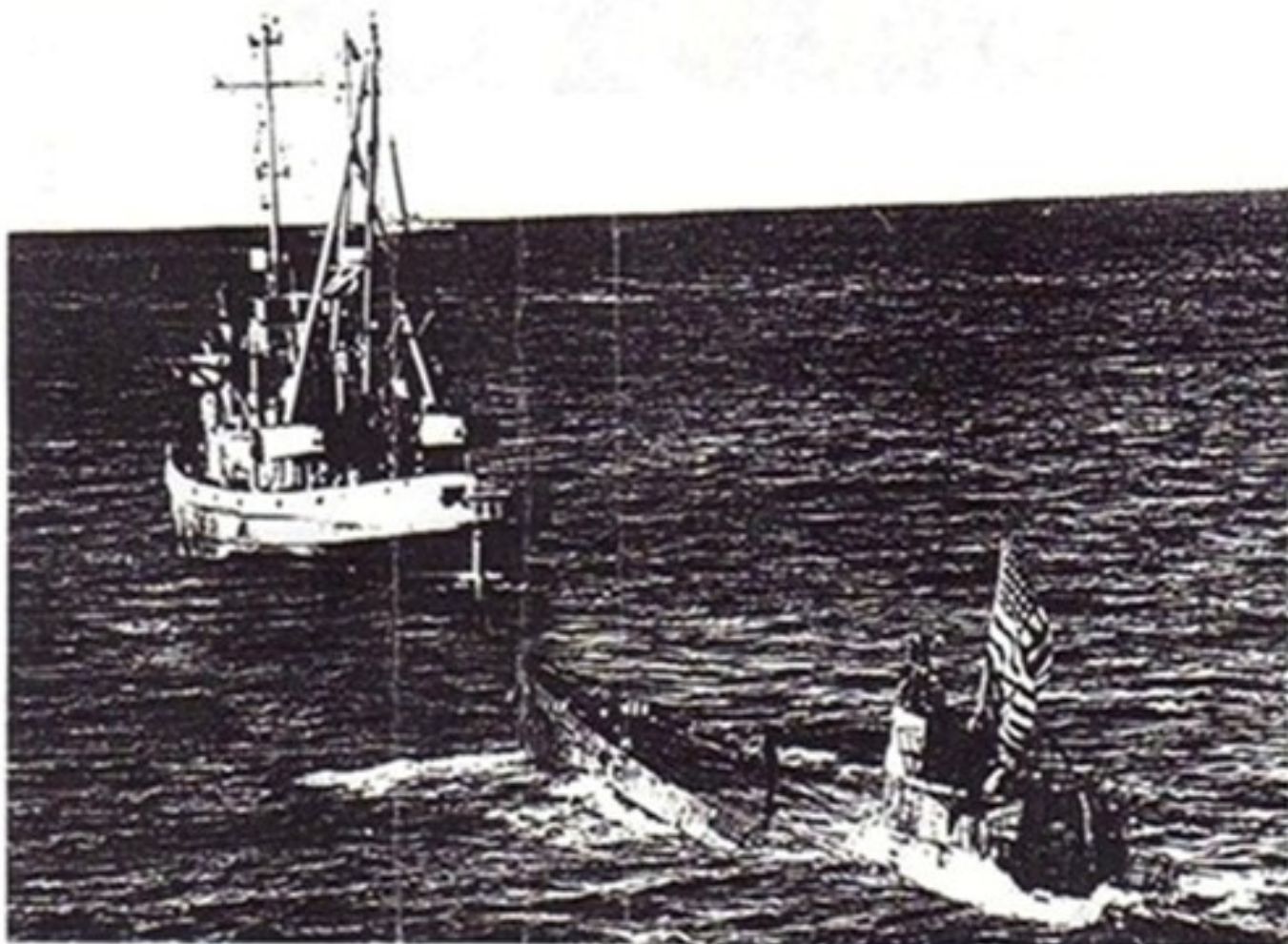
Abnaki received three battle stars for her service during the hostilities in Korea.



MASTER AT ARMS BADGE

MADE POST 15 MAY 1944

WITH NEW DESIGNATION OF ATF-96



THE CAPTURE OF THE GERMAN U-BOAT 505 IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC OFF FRENCH WEST AFRICA BY TASK GROUP 22.3 ON 4 JUNE 1944 IS A FASCINATING STORY. THE U-505 WAS THE FIRST FOREIGN MAN OF WAR CAPTURED ON THE HIGH SEAS BY THE U.S. NAVY SINCE 1815. THE U-505 IS ON PERMANENT DISPLAY IN CHICAGO AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY. IT IS WORTH WRITING TO SEE IF A BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RODE

AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 2nd CLASS

WELL PROPORTIONED EAGLE WITH CHEVRONS OF RED FELT WHEN ALL MANUFACTURERS HAD GONE TO THE FULLY EMBROIDERED CHEVRONS



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

MISPROPORTIONED EAGLE - DID HE SIT ON THE GLOBE? CHEVRONS EMBROIDERED VERICALLY



MORE FOREIGN MADE U.S. NAVY P.O. RATINGS

SPECIALISTRATING BADGES

REDUCED
15%

CONTRIBUTED BY
DAVE COLLAR



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IN COLLECTING U.S. NAVY ITEMS WE VERY SELDOM FIND RATINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ALTERED OR CONVERTED. HERE WE HAVE SUCH AN EXAMPLE - AN INTERESTING FIRST CLASS P.O. RATING OF THE WWII PERIOD DATED 1944

SPECIALIST R = RECRUITER AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE IN 1944
THEN THE LETTER X = SPECIALIST (NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED)
HAS BEEN ADDED BY STITCHING IT OVER THE EXISTING R SPECIALIST

NAVY SUBMARINE ENGINEERING DUTY
QUALIFICATION BADGE

TYPE I

13 JULY 1950 - 11 AUGUST 1952

QUALIFICATION BADGE WITH LARGE "E" BELOW BOW OF SUBMARINE. THIS BADGE IS SHOWN IN THE 1951 BLUE JACKETS MANUAL, 14th EDITION, 5th PRINTING, AND IS STILL SHOWN IN THE 17th PRINTING 1953 EDITION

? WHAT IS IT?

WHITE ANCHOR - STARS - STRIPES - BLUE UPPER SHIELD
RED STRIPES - ALL COTTON EMBROIDERED ON NAVY
BLUE WOOL. IT WAS SEWN INTO THE POCKET OF A WWI
QM2c BLUE JUMPER.



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

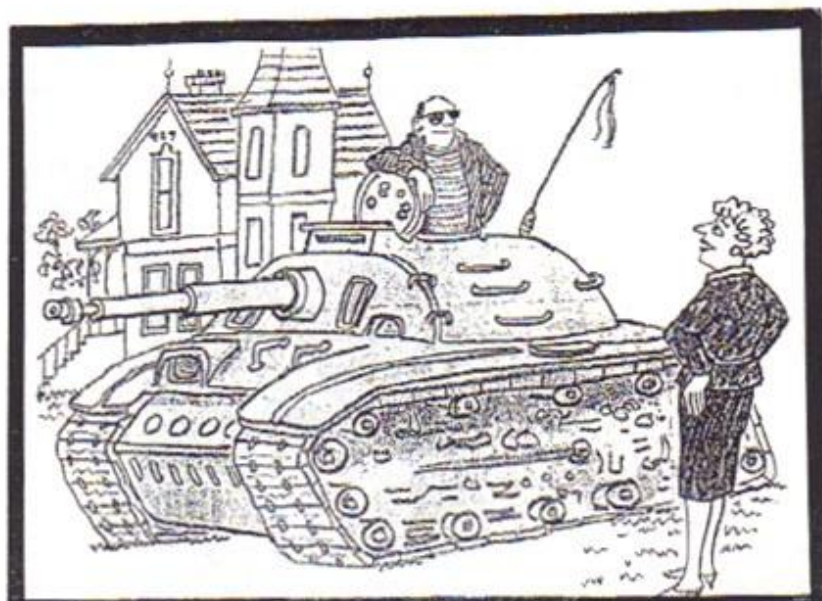
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U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SLEEVE INSIGNIA FOR COMPANY PETTY OFFICER - REFERENCE SOURCES DATE THIS BACK TO 1929; IT WAS WORN UNTIL 2 MAY 1947 WHEN THE ARCH WAS ADDED AND THE NAME CHANGED TO COMPANY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



CAPTAIN U.S. MARINE CORPS
SHOULDER STRAP FOR FULL DRESS UNIFORM
SILVER BULLION WIRE CAPTAIN BARS AND
EDGING; RED EMBROIDERED PIPING - 1950s



YOU PROMISED YOU'D STOP AFTER YOU BOUGHT THE LST!



U.S.P.H.S.
WARRANT OR CHIEF WARRANT
PHARMACIST
WORN ABOVE SLEEVE BRAID

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE GRAY SHOULDER MARKS OF WWII



LIEUTENANT
JUNIOR GRADE



LIEUTENANT



LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER

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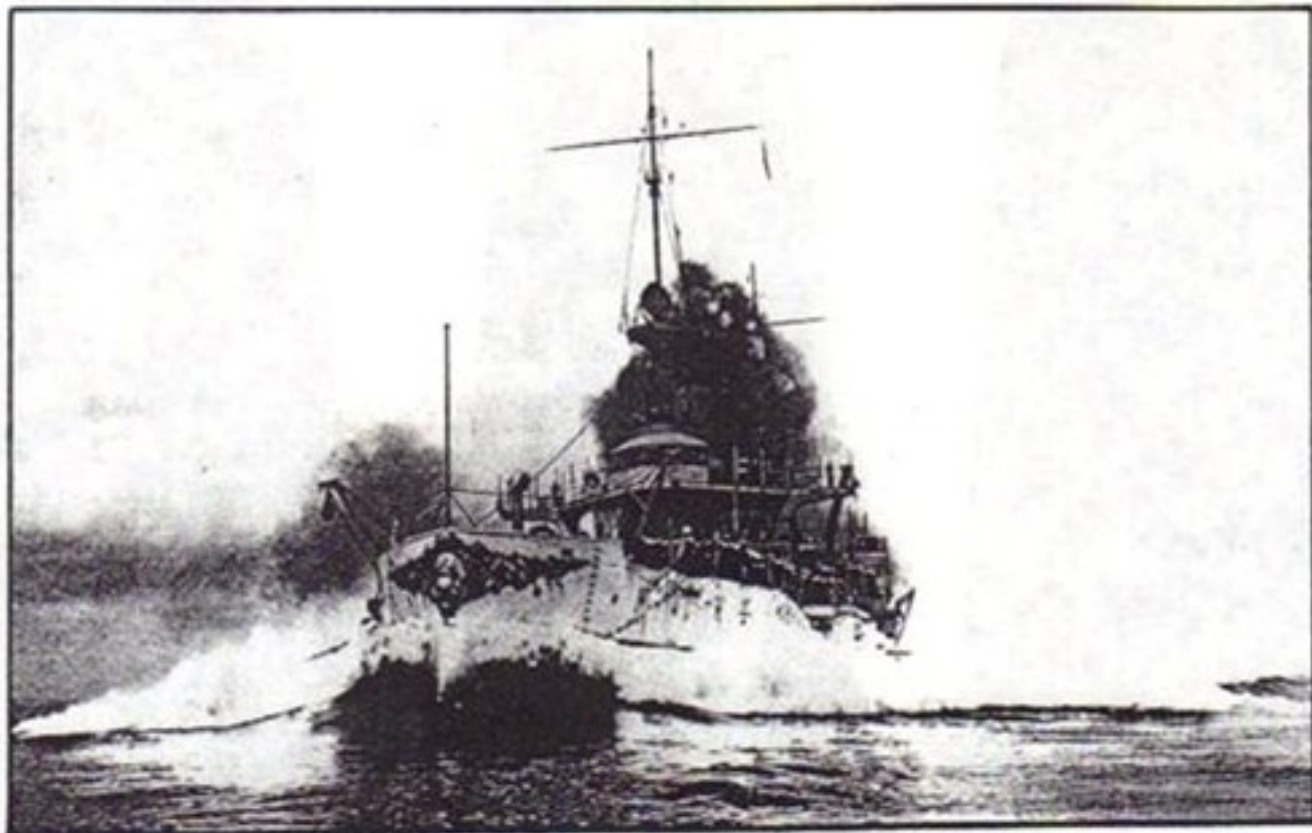
U.S.M.C. CAMOUFLAGE
HELMET COVER INSIGNIA
THESE ARE REVERSIBLE
IN TWO PATTERNS
JUNGLE - BROWN/GREEN
AND
DESERT - BROWN/TAN

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USS CONNECTICUT (BB-18) ON TRIALS 1906 - THE STORY OF THIS FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPH

FROM NAVAL HISTORY APRIL 1987



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This picture of the USS *Connecticut* (BB-18) was taken at the time of her trials in Penobscot Bay [1906]. Admiral [Robley D.] Evans ordered his chief of staff to take the admiral's steam launch halfway down the course and see that Mr. Muller (the photographer) had every possible facility to get satisfactory photos. Hardly had the little launch taken its position and Mr. Muller adjusted his camera when the big battleship was seen to be under way three miles up course. On came the *Connecticut* belching a volcano of black smoke from her funnels.

Down in the engine room, the men were firing her up with picked Welsh coal sprinkled with oil. The builders of the ironclad were offering the stokers extra pay if the speed trial exceeded the contract specifications and the government premium.

As the onrushing *Connecticut* passed the white buoy that marks the second mile, Admiral Evans's staff officer in command of the launch took the wheel

and started the launch forward as if to cross the bow of the battleship. He intended to run straight for the ship and turn sharply when the launch had approached as close as safe. Muller took two photographs and slipped in his last plate ready to make his final picture just as the launch reached the danger limit.

"We can't run any closer," said the officer in command of the launch; and with all his strength, he turned the wheel to starboard—when, to his horror, he found he had wrenched the steering gear from its connection. The launch, free of all control, shot straight at the great battleship, and Admiral Evans, standing on the bridge, closed his eyes to escape the spectacle of death which seemed inevitable.

But Mr. Muller, with single-minded fidelity to his work, snapped his camera—and in another instant he was in the water, holding up above his head, safe and dry, the remarkable negative from which the photograph is reproduced.

No one ever intended to take such a picture. There is nowhere in the world another such photograph. A copy of this one hung in President Teddy Roosevelt's study in the White House. Another copy hung in Emperor William's stateroom on the German Imperial Yacht *Hohenzollern*. —This account was provided by Harry F. Coester and published by *Yankee* magazine (1967).

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the framed originals was presented to the U. S. Naval Institute by Mr. James A. Rowan. He states in his letter, "My father, William Rowan, was very active in Roosevelt's presidential campaigns, and, in 1907, brought this picture home. As I was only 2 years old at the time I did not know how he acquired it but I do know that this is not the type of picture he would have purchased. I never inquired in later years as to its acquisition." The photograph is on display in the Naval Institute's lobby.

ON 16 APRIL 1907 THE USS CONNECTICUT (BB-18) WAS DESIGNATED FLAGSHIP FOR THE GREAT WHITE FLEET'S CRUISE AROUND THE WORLD 16 DEC 1907-22 FEB 1909

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

SOME INTERESTING VARIATIONS ON U.S. NAVY SPECIALTY MARKS



AIR CONTROLMAN



AVIATION ELECTRONICSMAN



COMMISSARYMAN



QUILL FACING LEFT



QUILL FACING RIGHT



LARGE KEYS

AVIATION STOREKEEPER

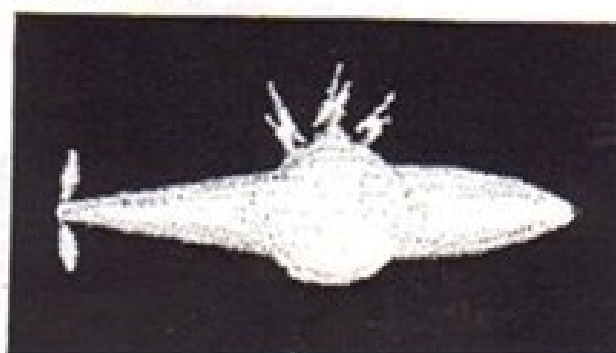
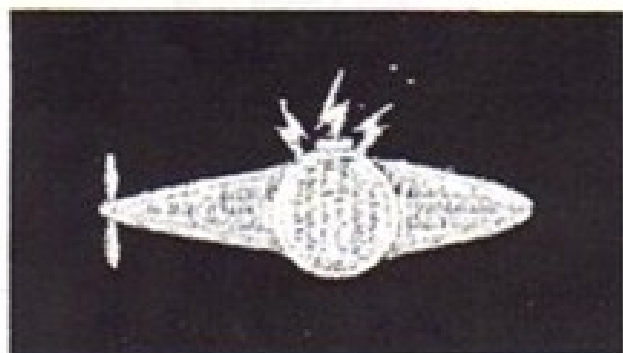
NOTE:
THE DIFFERENCE
IN THE KEY ENDS



SMALL KEYS

DISTINGUISHING MARK

ADVANCED UNDERSEA WEAPONSMAN



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U.S.S. RIGEL

USS RIGEL AD-13/AR-11 BUILT IN 1918 AS THE MERCHANT SHIP EDGECOMBE WAS ACQUIRED BY THE NAVY 16 NOVEMBER 1921 FROM THE WAR SHIPPING BOARD AND COMMISSIONED AS DESTROYER TENDER AD-13 ON 24 FEBRUARY 1922; RECLASSIFIED REPAIR SHIP AR-11 ON 10 APRIL 1941. SHE SERVED IN THE PACIFIC IN WWII. USS RIGEL WAS DECOMMISSIONED 11 JULY 1946, AND TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION FOR DISPOSAL. SHE WAS SCRAPPED IN 1950.



LIBERTY CARD BELONGING TO DAVID M. HIGUERA RM1c
GENERAL DETAIL 1st WATCH SECTION ABOARD THE
USS RIGEL (AR-11) SOMETIME AFTER 1 APRIL 1941
SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER CDR. W.E. McCLENDON



THE SECOND RIGEL (AF-58) WAS LAID DOWN 15 MARCH 1954; LAUNCHED 15 MARCH 1955, AND COMMISSIONED 2 SEPTEMBER 1955. SHE WAS THE FIRST OF A NEW CLASS OF HIGH-SPEED, LARGE CAPACITY, FULLY REFRIGERATED STORES ISSUES SHIPS. AS OF 1967 SHE WAS SERVING IN THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AS T-AF-58.

THANKS TO RUDY BASURTO FOR THE CAP RIBBON AND STEVE ROHDE FOR CARD, PHOTO & INFO

PUNISHED ADMIRAL FURIOUS AT NAVY CHIEF FOR TAILHOOK CENSURE

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rear admiral censured for failing to prevent the debauchery and sexual abuse at the 1991 Tailhook convention has attacked Navy Secretary John Dalton for a punishment "unprecedented since Pearl Harbor."

"Two wars, years at sea, absolute loyalty and dedication to my Navy and my country and you are punishing me as if I were guilty of misconduct. I am not. I spoke the truth," Rear Adm. Riley Mixson wrote in a rebuttal to Dalton dated Oct. 18.

Mixson, the assistant chief of naval operations for air warfare, asked Dalton to reduce the punishment to a non-punitive administrative action although the censure cannot be appealed.

"I deeply resent being punitively held responsible above and apart from those who, unlike myself, were in the direct chain of

command of those who were charged with misconduct," he said.

He said he bears "the brunt of what you perceive as a 'politically correct decision'" because he was an assistant to then-Vice Adm. Richard Dunleavy.

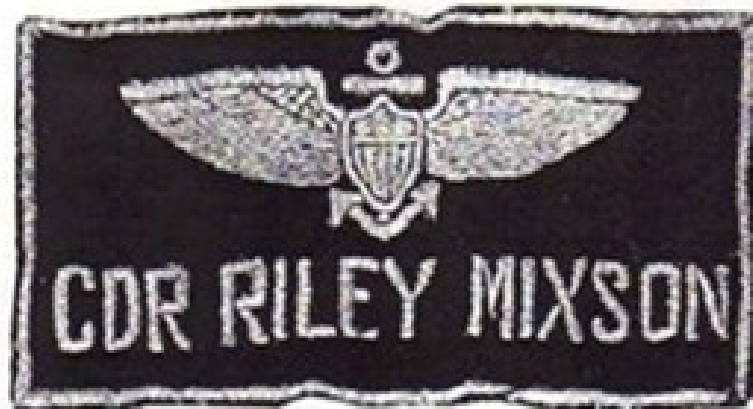
In the harshest action since the September 1991 convention in Las Vegas, Dalton on Oct. 15 reduced the rank of a retired admiral, Dunleavy, and censured two others, including Mixson.

A censure remains in the officer's permanent file and is considered a serious blow to a Navy career.

Dozens of women were sexually assaulted by Navy and Marine Corps aviators at the convention of the Tailhook Association.

Cmdr. Stephen Pietropaoli, a Navy spokesman, said the service stands by its decision to impose a censure.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1993



FLIGHT SUIT NAME TAG

RAADM RILEY DEWITT MIXSON FN 590255 USN

DOB: 23 SEPT 1936 - PEBD: 8 OCT 1958 - AV OFFICER'S

CANDIDATE 1942 - LINE PILOT USNR 1945 - TRANS. TO USN

LT(jg) - 27 AUG 1960 - LT - 1 MARCH 1962 - RAADM - 1 NOV 1987

USN VICE ADMIRAL CAP DEVICE

SILVER STARS - GOLD ANCHOR & WREATH

14 JANUARY 1965 - 11 MARCH 1989



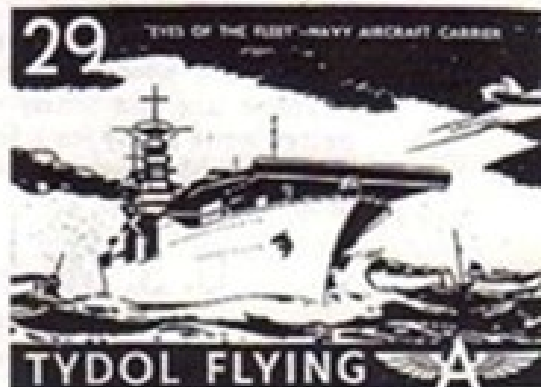
2 WHAT IS IT ?



THE ABOVE GRAY SHOULDER MARK WITH A POINTED END HAS BEEN THE TOPIC OF MUCH DISCUSSION; HOWEVER, NOT UNTIL NOW WAS A GOOD PHOTO OF IT AVAILABLE FOR STUDY. IT SHOWS A NON U.S. NAVY SHOULDER MARK (MADE WITH A NAVY BUTTON) WITH A BLACK EMBROIDERED NAUTICAL EMBLEM - EAGLE FACING RIGHT ON A SHIP'S WHEEL OVER ANCHOR - SHIELD ON CHEST WITH THE LETTERS JNM IS THIS JUNIOR NAVAL MILITARY?

SEE PAGE 7 OF THIS ISSUE FOR THE SAME DEVICE, BUT WITH LETTERS NCC. IS THIS NAVAL CADET CORPS

EARLY 1940 AVIATION STAMPS ISSUED BY TIDELAND OIL, A SUBSIDIARY OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RHOE

U. S. Marines—Soldiers of the Sea

When United States Marines were sent among the first to the firing line in France, they were upholding their historic record and making good their slogan of "First to Fight."

The United States Marine Corps was organized by an Act of the Continental Congress, November 10, 1775, and is the oldest branch of the service.

U. S. Marines hoisted the American flag on foreign soil for the first time, when, in 1803, at Derne, Tripoli, they took that stronghold.

They stormed Chapultepec in the Mexican War of 1847.

They were at the first battle of Bull Run in the Civil War.

They were with Dewey at Manila.

A mere handful of them stood off 6,000 Spaniards at Guantanamo, Cuba, in June, 1898, several weeks before other troops landed.

They were the first American troops to enter Peking, China, during the Boxer uprising in 1900.

With the bluejackets of the Navy they were first ashore at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in April, 1914.

In the past few years they have quelled revolutions in Nicaragua, Haiti and Santo Domingo. They have made the Caribbean countries "safe for democracy" and are now in Europe on the same noble errand.

Many persons do not know who the U. S. Marines are—what they do, how they dress, etc., and, while the picture on the reverse side of this will give you a good idea of the appearance of Marines in field uniform, a word about who they are may not be amiss just here.

Soldiers who are enlisted for service, either on land or aboard ships of war, are known by the distinctive name of "Marines." They are organized, clothed and equipped very much as are soldiers of the land forces, and their preliminary instruction is similar. For these reasons they become qualified for duty with either the army or navy, and are, therefore, of double value to the nation. The headquarters, barracks and depots are on shore. Details from the barracks are made for service aboard ships when required. Marine detachments, according to the size of the ship, vary in strength from a dozen men under a sergeant to sixty or more men under one or two commissioned officers.

The young man seeking excitement, adventure and Action—the latter with a capital A—can find it with the United States Marines.

Marines go first and fight first. They see action in the first degree.

Recruiting stations for these "first to fight" sea soldiers—separate and apart from those for the army and navy—are located in all principal cities. Look in your directory, or, better still, call "central"—she'll know where it is located.

There are not many vacancies in the Marine Corps. So you'd better write today for a free illustrated booklet describing the pay and duties of Marines. It's yours for the asking and you have only to drop a postal to:

U. S. Marine Corps Publicity Bureau
117-119A EAST 24th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

SPECIALIST - EMERGENCY SERVICE RATINGS 1941 - 1974

FOR ALL THE SUBSEQUENT TITLES OF THESE RATINGS SEE JOHN STACEY'S BOOK ON U.S. NAVY RATINGS PAGES 44-54. FOR THE SAKE OF CONVENIENCE WE WILL USE THE FIRST TITLE ONLY.

TRANSPORTATION AIRMAN 3rd and 2nd CLASS

NOTE INTERESTING DIFFERENCE IN THE LETTER T

SIZE REDUCED 22%

TRANSPORTATION AIRMAN 1st CLASS

FOR USE ON THE WWII EXPERIMENTAL ENLISTED GRAY JUMPER; DATED 1944



SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

U.S. FRIGATE CONSTELLATION SHIP OF THE LINE 1797-1994

ORIGINAL INFO SHEETS THAT CAME WITH THE "CONSTELLATION" COIN

U. S. Frigate "Constellation"



Souvenir Medals Struck From Navy's First Ship

Good For Lifetime Admission to Frigate

Thousands of special copper medals, newly-minted from parts of the United States Frigate "Constellation", now berthed in Baltimore, will provide lifetime free admission to the Navy's oldest vessel for the fortunate owners.

The medals, struck from copper spiken used in the original construction of the ship in Baltimore in 1797, are being used to raise funds nationally for the restoration work required to put the "Constellation" in original condition. The medals are being distributed on the basis of one for each dollar donated.

Every dollar raised by this means will go towards replacing deteriorated planking, frames, masts, bulwarks and the hundreds of other items needed so that the "Constellation" can remain afloat and take her rightful place as a national shrine.

Completed several months before the famous U.S.F. "Constitution", the "Constellation" saw action on numerous occasions during the 18th and early 19th Century. She remained on the Navy's active list until 1933, and during World War II was the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet. A stout link with our heritage, the "Constellation's" preservation is felt to be a national responsibility.

Donations of a dollar, or multiples of a dollar, which will make the restoration possible, should be made to:

"Constellation", Baltimore, Md.

"CONSTELLATION"
BALTIMORE, MD.

I enclose \$..... to help restore the United States
Frigate "Constellation". In return please send me.....
"Constellation" medals.

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

This pamphlet was produced at no cost to the "Constellation" Committee by Edition Bros. Co., Rochester, New York, manufacturers of the medal. Artist: Edward L. Christie, Tower Building, Baltimore, Md.



The history of the U. S. Frigate CONSTELLATION closely parallels that of our nation. She was the first ship of the New Republic to put to sea fully equipped and manned. It was the training of her crew of 220 seamen and 40 marines, and the institution of gunnery practice under Captain Truxton that gave him the title of "the Father of the United States Navy" and made the CONSTELLATION its birthplace.

After the Revolutionary War each naval force as existed were disbanded, for Congress did not deem the expense necessary. But by 1794 American shipping was being preyed upon by the Barbary States: Tripoli, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, and Congress authorized the building of a small navy. President George Washington chose Joshua Humphreys, naval architect of Philadelphia, to design the ships. Six frigates were ordered, the CONSTELLATION and CONGRESS of 26 guns and the UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT, CHESAPEAKE and CONSTITUTION of 44 guns each. The first ship laid down was the CONSTELLATION. She was built at Samuel and Joseph Barrett's shipyard in Baltimore with David Stodder, builder, and Captain Thomas Truxton in command of the operation.

By 1796 the frigate had taken shape on the ways and the newspapers of the day tall of the constant stream of visitors who went to Fell's Point across from Fort Mifflin to view this enormous wooden ship, a hundred and seventy feet long and forty wide. She was launched on September 7, 1797 amid great fanfare. During her launching every signal to the workmen was given by the rattle of a drum, for she was under command of the War Department—the U. S. Navy was soon to be born.

Monchs were required to rig and outfit the vessel. At last Captain Truxton received his commission and on June 24, 1798, the CONSTELLATION put to sea. Her first assignment was the conveying of a group of 60 merchantmen along the coast. After this "shake-down" she was dispatched to the West Indies which were infested by French Privateers that preyed on American shipping. There the CONSTELLATION defeated and captured her first warship, L'INSURGENTE, the pride of the French navy; so dashed the 36 gun LA VENUEANCE that she later sank; and from her great speed gained the nickname "The Yankee Race-Horse."

During the War of 1812, the CONSTELLATION was blockaded in Chesapeake Bay by the British Fleet. Nevertheless, she took the principal part in the engagement at Craney Island where a British attempt at invasion was repulsed with the loss of 8 gunboats and 410 men. Again she fought the Barbary Pirates in the Mediterranean in 1815, leading a group of four American vessels in capturing the 46 gun frigate MASHUDA; sailed around the world, calling at ports in China and Hawaii, paving the way for the "Open Door Policy" and annexation of the Territory of Hawaii; captured the frigate DELICIA and TRITON, and the bark CORA in the slave trade off the coast of Africa; was active during the Civil War in the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Mexico; took relief supplies to Ireland during the famine of 1880; served as a training ship at Newport and the U. S. Naval Academy; and concluded her active service as flagship of the Atlantic Fleet during World War II. She has been in commission longer than any other ship of the U. S. Navy. Today, still basically sound and original, she displays more service ribbons than any other warship.



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RED FIRE - VIETNAM AND BORDER IN GOLD 2 1/8 x 5 5/8"



MULTI-COLORED ABSTRACT DRAGON EMBROIDERED ON BLACK SILK 2 x 5 3/4"



VERY ORNATE MULTI-COLORED DRAGON EMBROIDERED ON BLACK SILK 3 1/4 x 6"

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**ARMOR, BODY, FRAGMENTATION PROTECTIVE: UPPER TORSO,
M-1955 (W/COLLAR)**

SEVENTY PERCENT of all combat casualties are caused by fragmentation type weapons. This vest, including the flexible shoulder pad area and collar, will afford you considerable protection from these missiles. However, it will **NOT** protect you from **ALL** small arms fire at close range. Take care of your vest and wear it wisely.

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U. S. MARINE CORPS

SIZE **L**

RGCHPS 14,700,1918 8-17-55 84M.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ONE OF THESE?

NOTE M-1955 DESIGNATION - USMC EXPERIMENTED WITH BODY ARMOR IN THE KOREAN WAR, AND MANY LIVES WERE SAVED BECAUSE OF ITS USAGE. IT WAS REQUIRED FIELD GEAR IN KOREA AND VIETNAM.

A VERY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE MATCH BOOK OF WORLD WAR II



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NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOLS
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NTS (PRE-RADIO) MICHIGAN CITY, IND.
NTS (EE & RM)
190 N. STATE ST. CHICAGO

CLOSE COVER BEFORE LIGHTING

RMA RADIO COLOR CODES

0...BLACK	} (A) RESISTOR		(C) MICA CONDENSER
1...BROWN			
2...RED			
3...ORANGE			
4...YELLOW			
5...GREEN			
6...BLUE			
7...VIOLET			
8...GRAY			
9...WHITE			

(B) RESISTOR

The body color represents the first figure of the resistance value, one end or tip is colored to represent the second figure; a colored band or dot near the center of the resistor gives the number of zeros following the first two figures. Ex. A 100 ohm resistor would be marked as follows:



SHEPHARD WALTER
MACKINSROYAL MARINES

DIED NATIONAL HOSPITAL
ISLE OF WRIGHT OF
TUBERCULOSIS AGE 24
13 SEPT 1910



WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH
THE MARKSMAN-SHARPSHOOTER
EXPERT RIFLEMAN DMs
AS SHOWN ON PAGE 69 OF
JOHN STACEY'S BOOK.

WHAT TITLE COULD WE
GIVE THIS UNAUTHORIZED
DISTINGUISHING MARK?

U.S.P.H.S.

BRONZE 1 INCH DISC WORN ON
THE ARMY STAND UP COLLAR
UNIFORM BY PERSONNEL
ATTACHED TO THE ARMY IN WWI

URBAN DISTRICT
MACKINSMERCANTILE MARINE

SEAMAN GUN CREW
HMS VINDICTIVE
SHELLED OFF
DUNKIRK, FRANCE 1915

TWO BROTHERS
IN THE KING'S SERVICE

URBAN MACKINS WAS BORN ON 6 APRIL 1897 - CAME TO CANADA 1912 - THEN BACK TO ENGLAND
FOR THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918 - TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 1922 - BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN
1926 - WORKED FOR THE CITY UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT - DIED IN SAN FRANCISCO IN SEPT 1987



ON 26 JUNE 1902 KING EDWARD VII WAS CROWNED KING OF GREAT BRITAIN AND EMPEROR OF INDIA. THIS TIN OF
CHOCOLATES WAS GIVEN TO SHEPHARD MACKINS (AGE 16) A ROYAL MARINE AS WAS THE CUSTOM ON CORONATION DAY.

NOVELTY PATCH FOR KIDS
DUNGAREE TYPE IRON ON



CHUCK SASS

CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

IS THIS A USPHS LOWER SLEEVE DEVICE TO
INDICATE 2 1/2 YEARS OVERSEAS IN THE
AEF IN WWI? SILVER BULLION

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#13

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use ironing board or any smooth padded surface.
2. Before applying transfer, be sure cloth is smooth and not wrinkled.
3. Place decal badge on sleeve, COLOR SIDE DOWN. Do not use steam iron. Place dry iron indicator to "Cotton" or "Linen" temp. (450°F) and press iron over design 3 to 4 seconds with firm pressure.
4. Remove paper at once while paper is still hot.

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IRON ON RATE CAT. NO. 441R6

U.S. NAVY PETTY OFFICER DUNGAREE SHIRT
IRON ON TRANSFER RATES

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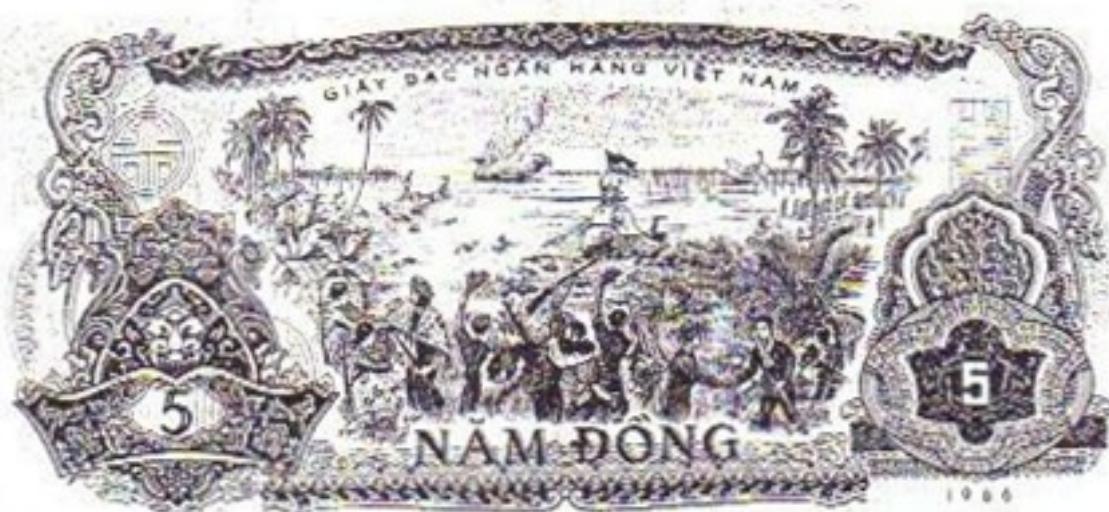
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CHI DẪN

-Nên dùng tấm vải hoặc mặt nào bằng phẳng cũng được để ủi. -Trước khi ủi Phù-hiệu nên xem cho mặt vải bằng phẳng và không nhăn. -Đặt tấm phù-hiệu bề mặt xuống vải. Không nên sử dụng bàn ủi hơi. Khi ủi bàn ủi khô, vặn nút chỉ "Coton" hoặc "laine" (450°F) và ấn cho mạnh trong khoảng thời gian 2 hoặc 3 giây đồng hồ. -Gõ ngay miếng giấy ra trong lúc còn nóng.

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MOFFETT FIELD
1933 - 1994WORLD WAR II
MATCH BOOK

THIS DOES NOT HAVE A NAUTICAL THEME, BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR IT IS OF INTEREST. THIS IS A 5 DONG NOTE (ACTUAL SIZE IS 70x140mm) ISSUED BY THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (VIET CONG) GOVERNMENT AFTER ITS VICTORY OVER SOUTH VIETNAM ON 30 APRIL 1975. IT IS DATED 1966, BUT WAS ISSUED IN 1975 AS TRANSITIONAL CURRENCY UNTIL THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF NORTH AND SOUTH WAS MERGED INTO THE UNIFIED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

NOTE THE JUBILANT SCENE WITH CRASHED AND BURNING U.S. HELICOPTERS, MANY AMERICAN DEAD, AND OFF TO THE RIGHT U.S. POWs BEING LED AWAY.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

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MANUFACTURING ERROR
SHIPFITTER (ENGINEERING GROUP)
DIAGONAL STRIPES SHOULD BE
RED; THESE ARE LIGHT BLUE
FOR CONSTRUCTION



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STEPHEN DECATUR RORDE



ATLANTIC COMMAND
U.S. NAVY BREAST BADGE
AUTHORIZED DATE UNKNOWN
MEDIUM BLUE ON A WHITE
ENAMELED DISC - RIMS AND
LETTERING ARE GOLD

CDR. DONALD T. ROHDE SUPPLY CORPS USN (RETIRED)

SERVED 1936 - 1961



ENSIGN
SUPPLY CORPS
MAY 1941



LT. COMMANDER
GRAY SMK
1945 - 1949



APPRENTICE SEAMAN
MAY 1936



COMMANDER
BLUE SMK
1949 - 1961



COMMANDER
SUPPLY CORPS
MAY 1961



AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE WITH FLEET STAR
AMERICAN THEATER - ASIATIC-PACIFIC WITH
7 STARS - WWII VICTORY - NATIONAL DEFENSE
PI LIBERATION WITH 2 STARS



M-1917/41 ACID
ETCHED ID TAG
MADE FEB 1942



U.S.S. OAKLAND (CL-95)
SUPPLY OFFICER 1943-1946



NON REGULATION
SHAPE M-1942
MADE JAN 1943



OLD RIVET TYPE ID CARD
FINGERPRINT ON REVERSE 1941



CDR D.T. ROHDE AND HIS TWO SONS

STEPHEN
DECATUR

GUAM
1956

DAVID
FARRAGUT



NEW PRINTED ID CARD
MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD, CALIF. 1942

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO MY FATHER WHO IMPARTED TO HIS TWO SONS THE LOVE OF HISTORY AND THE NAVY.
HIS KNOWLEDGE AND STUDY OF THE CIVIL WAR BROUGHT HISTORY ALIVE, AND LED ME TO COLLECT
MILITARY INSIGNIA. BOTH SONS SERVED IN THE MILITARY - SON USNR 1959 - 1968 - DPR USMC 1961 - 1962.

THANKS AGAIN, DAD.

STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

U.S. NAVY BAND INSIGNIA

IN ISSUE NO. 12 PAGE 32-33 WE SHOWED THE
UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA AS THEY WERE IN 1941.
MORE INTERESTING INFORMATION



METAL PIN ON



BULLION WIRE EMBROIDERED
GOLD LYRE - SILVER LETTERS
USN ON NAVY BLUE WOOL



BULLION SEW ON



USN'S BAND YFIRA BUENA ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CA CIRCA WWI
THE BAND LEADER WITH BATON IS WEARING THE DEVICE SHOWN
CENTER ABOVE - LYRE WITH USN - OF THE 41 MEN IN THE PHOTO
ONLY THOSE HAVE THIS OLDER BULLION VERSION OF THE BAND
CAP DEVICE, ALL OTHERS HAVE THE METAL LYRE.
TAKEN FROM A LARGE 35" PHOTO.



WWI STYLE

OFFICER'S SHIRT COLLAR DEVICE
U.S. NAVY BAND
GOLD METAL CLUTCH BACK



POST WAR STYLE



U.S. NAVY BAND
CAP DEVICE - ALL RANKS
TYPE II 10 AUG 1951-20 MARCH 1959
(ACADEMY BAND 6 FEB 1956)



USN & USNA BAND
CAP DEVICE - ALL RANKS
TYPE II "USN" ADDED
20 MARCH 1959 - DATE

ADMIRAL RAPHAEL SEMMES 1809-1877
CONFEDERATE STATES NAVY

Raphael Semmes

A REQUEST WAS MADE FOR A PHOTO AND INFO
ON ADMIRAL SEMMES OF THE CONFEDERACY

Raphael Semmes, born on 27 September 1809 in Charles County, Md., was appointed midshipman in the United States Navy on 1 April 1826. After initial duty in Lexington in the Mediterranean Squadron, he attended the Naval School at Norfolk, Va.; then served on the Mediterranean, West Indian, South American, and Florida stations; conducted a hydrographic survey of Narragansett Bay; and served in various capacities in the Washington Navy Yard. During the Mexican War, he served as commanding officer of Somers until that ship's loss, then became flag lieutenant under Commodore Conner. He participated in the siege of Vera Cruz and the expedition against Tuxtepec and accompanied General Scott's army to Mexico City. Promoted to Commander on 14 September 1855, he was subsequently appointed Light House Inspector of the 8th Light House District and served on the Light House Board until 1861. With the secession of Alabama, he adopted home state, Semmes resigned his commission in the United States Navy on 15 February 1862. He subsequently served in the Confederate States Navy and, after commanding the raiders *Sumter* and *Alabama*, was appointed Rear Admiral and given the command of the *James River Squadron*, which he destroyed during the evacuation of Richmond. After the war, he taught at the Louisiana State Seminary; edited the *Memphis Daily Bulletin*; and practiced law in Mobile until his death on 30 August 1877.

THE ABOVE LITHOGRAPH IS NOT ACCURATE. SEMMES
WAS ONLY A REAR ADMIRAL AT TIME OF RETIREMENT,
NOT A VICE ADMIRAL AS SHOWN BY THE THREE
STARS ON HIS SHOULDER STRAP.

SSBN DETERRENT PATROL

26 JAN 1969 - SILVER FOR OFFICER & EM



WORLD WAR II HOSPITAL SHIP HULL CONFIGURATIONS

THESE SHIPS WERE ALL CONVERTED FROM VARIOUS CIVILIAN MERCHANT SHIP DESIGNS

NAVY HOSPITAL SHIPS HAD THE DISTINCT MARKINGS OF A GREEN HULL BAND AND A RED CROSS ON THE HULL AND STACK

USS SAMARITAN AH-10 1945



ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1920 AS A PASSENGER SHIP - ACQUIRED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT 3 NOV 1921 AND COMMISSIONED AS AN ARMY TRANSPORT CHAUMONT AP-5 ON 22 NOV 1921. SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO MANILA WHEN WAR BROKE OUT ON 7 DEC 1941. DECOMMISSIONED 28 AUG 1943 FOR CONVERSION TO A HOSPITAL SHIP. RENAMED USS SAMARITAN AH-10 AND RECOMMISSIONED 1 MARCH 1944. SERVED IN THE PACIFIC UNTIL DECOMMISSIONED 25 JUNE 1946. TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION FOR DISPOSAL 29 AUG 1946, AND SCRAPPED IN 1948. SHE RECEIVED FOUR BATTLE STARS FOR WORLD WAR II SERVICE.

USS CONSOLATION AH-15 1945



OILER TYPE C4-S-B2 HAVEN CLASS ENGINEERING SPACES AND STACK AFT - ORIGINALLY NAMED MARINE WALRUS LAUNCHED 1 AUG 1944. ACQUIRED BY USN 30 AUG 1944. COMMISSIONED 22 MAY 1945. POW RECEIVING SHIP AT WAKAYAMA, JAPAN 11 SEPT 1945. KOREAN WAR SERVICE. EVACUATION FROM NORTH VIETNAM 1954. DECOMMISSIONED 30 DEC 1955. CHARTERED AND RENAMED HOPE BY THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE HEALTH FOUNDATION. SHE STILL SERVES IN THAT CAPACITY. SHE RECEIVED 10 BATTLE STARS FOR KOREAN WAR SERVICE.

USS RESCUE AH-18 1944



FORMER PASSENGER SHIP SS ST. JOHN - LAUNCHED 9 JAN 1932. PURCHASED BY USN AND RENAMED USS ANTAEUS AS-21 ON 24 APRIL 1941. COMMISSIONED 17 MAY 1941. CONVERTED TO TRANSPORT AG-47 ON 15 SEPT 1943. REDESIGNATED USS RESCUE AH-18 ON 18 JAN 1945. SERVED IN JAPAN AS POW PROCESSING SHIP. DECOMMISSIONED 29 APRIL 1946 AND TRANSFERRED TO MARITIME COMMISSION ON 29 JUNE 1946. SHE RECEIVED 2 BATTLE STARS FOR WORLD WAR II SERVICE.

EXAMPLE OF A U.S. NAVY CPO KHAKI RATING BADGE HAVING YET TO BE EMBROIDERED WITH THE SPECIALTY MARK



AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SILVER BULLION SPECIALTY MARK AND CROW IS FOUND IN CHANGE 5 TO THE 1947 UR DATED 14 FEB 1949. D.F.S. MIGHT DO WELL TO RETHINK THE AUTHENTICITY OF HIS BULLION CHIEF AVIATION QUARTERMASTER RATING SHOWN IN CROW'S NEST NO. 4 PAGE 7.



WWII NAVY MATCH BOOK



CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

DARK NAVY BLUE DESIGN OF TWO SEA CREATURES FACING EACH OTHER INSIDE A CIRCLE OVER TWO CROSSED ANCHORS WITH A BORDER 2 3/4" IN DIAMETER - WHITE TWILL BACKGROUND GLUED CHEESE CLOTH ON REVERSE

SERVICE RECOLLECTIONS

WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33) IN 1961 I WENT TO A MOVIE IN DOWN TOWN LONG BEACH. THE NEXT MORNING AT CHOW I ASKED MY HEAVY DRINKING SHIPMATE AND WATCH STANDING BUDDY, CHARLIE BROWN FROM ARIZONA, IF HE HAD SEEN "THE DEVIL AT FOUR O'CLOCK." HE SAID, "NO, BUT I SURE THOUGHT I SAW HIM AT 2:30 THIS MORNING ON THE WAY BACK TO THE SHIP".

STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE USN 1959-1968



ACTUAL SIZE
19 5/8"

USS WASP (CV-18) NINTH SHIP TO BEAR THIS NAME; ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN AS GRISKANY, BUT NAME CHANGED TO WASP WHEN USS WASP (CV-7) WAS LOST ON 15 SEPT 1942; COMMISSIONED 24 NOV 1943; SERVED IN THE PACIFIC IN WWII. TO CVA 1 OCT 1962; TO CVS 1 NOV 1964; HOME PORT GUONSET POINT RI 15 JUNE 1968 (ATLANTIC ACTIVE); DECOMMISSIONED AND STRUCK 1 JULY 1972; SOLD 21 MAY 1973, AND SCRAPPED.



USN INTEGRATED UNDERSEA SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEM (IUSS) OFFICER-GOLD; ENLISTED-SILVER
AUTHORIZED 24 DECEMBER 1960

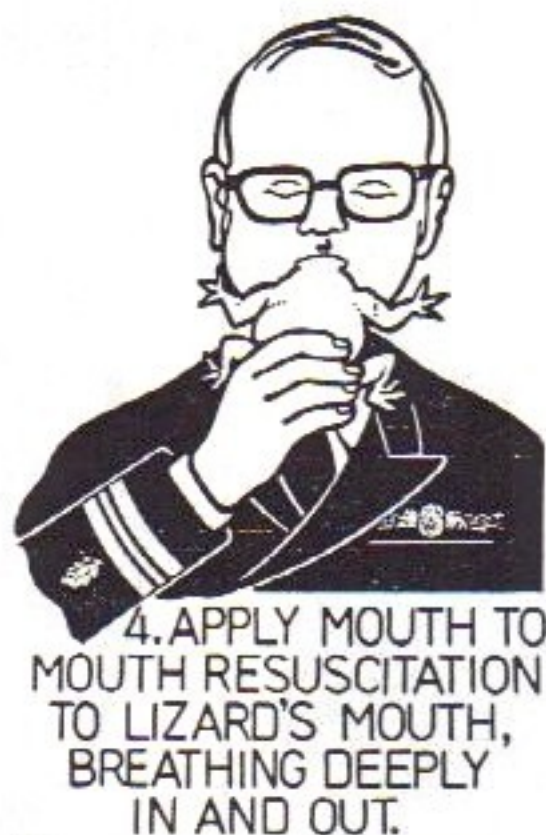
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U.S.S. SHANGRI-LA (CV-38) - FICTITIOUS HIMALAYAN KINGDOM IN JAMES HILTON'S NOVEL
LAID DOWN: 15 JAN 1943 - LAUNCHED: 24 FEB 1944 - COMM: 15 SEPT 1944
PACIFIC RAIDS: 1945 - DECOM: 7 NOV 1947 - RECOM: 10 MAY 1951
TO CVS: 30 JUNE 1959 - 3 BATTLE STARS FOR VIETNAM SERVICE
DECOM: 30 JULY 1971 - ATLANTIC RESERVE FLEET, PHILADELPHIA

CONTRIBUTED BY GEORGE L. FROSS

HOW TO RESUSCITATE A LIZARD



CONTRIBUTED BY SARGE

U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S CUFF LINKS



CPO E7

U.S. NAVY CPO CUFF LINKS



CPO E9



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

U.S. NAVY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS

AUTHORIZED 17 OCTOBER 1969

STANDARD SHOULDER MARK



CAPTAIN



BULLION SLEEVE DEVICE
FOR BLUE COAT



GOLD AND SILVER CORPS
DEVICE FOR SHIRT

SLIP ON SHOULDER LOOP



LT. JUNIOR GRADE

SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RHODE



*J.D. Bailey
37-N-27th
Corvallis, Ore.*

NAVY DAY 1933

USS BROOKS (DD-232)

FLUSH DECK - FOUR PIPE - DESTROYER
LAUNCHED - 24 APRIL 1919

COMMISSIONED - 18 JUNE 1920

REDESIGNATED - APD-10 - 1 DEC 1942

APD = HIGH SPEED TRANSPORT

SERVED IN PACIFIC THEATER

STRUCK BY JAPANESE SUICIDE

PLANE - 6 JAN 1945 - BADLY

DAMAGED - BACK TO U.S.

DECOMMISSIONED - 2 AUG 1946

SOLO - 30 MAY 1946

BROOKS RECEIVED THE NAVY UNIT
COMMENDATION AND SIX BATTLE
STARS FOR HER SERVICE IN WWII

NOTE THE DIRIGIBLE ABOVE THE
BATTLESHIPS IN THE CACHET
CHECK OUT THE 1 1/2c STAMP

NAVY BATTLE
EFFICIENCY E
1906 - 1975



EX-APPRENTICE
DISTINGUISHING MARK
1886 - 1948



LIKE THE
CPO YEOMAN
SHOWN IN ISSUE
NO. 12 PAGE 37, THESE
THREE ITEMS ARE ALSO RED
ON TAN FLANNEL MATERIAL. NOTE
THE HASHMARK IS MADE IN THE OPPOSITE
DIRECTION. THIS IS INCORRECT AS ALL HASHMARKS
WERE WORN ON THE LEFT SLEEVE. NOTE: ALL ARE FULL SIZE
STANDARD NAVY INSIGNIA EXCEPT FOR THE COLOR. ARE THESE MORE
NAVY TYPE INSIGNIA MADE FOR KID'S JUMPERS OF THE 1920s AND 1930s?

NAVY WAR CORRESPONDENT

SUBMITTED BY LEE RAGAN



W. ROBERT MOORE OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
ON KWAJALEIN ISLAND IN THE MARSHALLS. NOTE
THE ANCHOR WITH LETTER C AS AN OVERSEAS CAP
DEVICE, AND THE SHOULDER PATCH.



YELLOW DESIGN ON BLACK FELT
PATCH - ACTUAL SIZE 3 INCHES



GOLD ANCHOR WITH
SILVER LETTER C
SHOWN FULL SIZE

ON 31 MAY 1945 THE INSIGNIA FOR NAVY WAR
CORRESPONDENTS WAS CHANGED TO A NAVY
OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE WITH A SILVER C ON THE
SHIELD FOR HAT AND OVERSEAS CAP. ALSO,
SILVER C ON A LCDR LEAF FOR WEAR ON THE
COLLARS OF THE KHAKI SHIRT.

NAVY TIMES - NO DATE SUPPLIED

More ratings shrink and merge in '95, '96

By John Burleigh
Times staff writer

WASHINGTON — The futures of sailors in many enlisted ratings will be altered forever in 1995 and 1996 if the Navy follows through on plans to merge their skills into other specialties.

Changing technologies are driving the changes in ratings, personnel officials said July 7, as is the fact that many of the skills are becoming too small to manage effectively.

These are the proposals for 1995.

■ Weapons technicians would come to exist. Sailors in this skill, who serve the nuclear weapons on longer aboard Navy ships, already have been told to find new specialties.

■ Boiler technicians would merge with machinists' mates, and ST would disappear as a rating. Demand for the skills has diminished in direct proportion to the demise of the steam-powered ships that once employed them.

■ Molders and patternmakers would become ship machinery repairmen or hull technicians, and their ratings also would disappear. These are classic "tender ratings" — skills needed aboard the 18 destroyers and submarine tenders the Navy plans to cut to about four in coming years.

■ Surface torpedomen would be converted to gunner's mates and their ratings would be dismantled.

■ Surface interior communications electricians would be converted

either to gas turbine systems technicians, electrician's mates or electronics technicians. Their rating, too, would be cut.

Proposals for 1996:

■ Data systems technicians would disappear as a separate skill, its functions moved into the electronics technician or fire controlman rating.

■ Data processing technicians would become radiomen, and their rating would be cut.

■ All the ocean systems technician responsibilities would shift to surface sonar technicians before they're dropped as separate ratings.

■ The submarine specialties of interior communications electrician, radioman and quartermaster would be merged into submarine electronics technician, then disbanded.

■ Two gunner's mate subspecialties, missiles and conventional guns, would be combined into a single GM rating — as happens now when GMs make chief petty officers.

Navies have agreed that other rating mergers and cuts are anticipated. But there are no plans for any other actions, said Capt. Ed Kajal, senior personnel planner in the Bureau of Naval Personnel — "at present, at least."

The proposed actions were announced publicly for the first time in a Navywide message "to alleviate some of the anxiety in the fleet concerning rating ratings," Kajal said.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



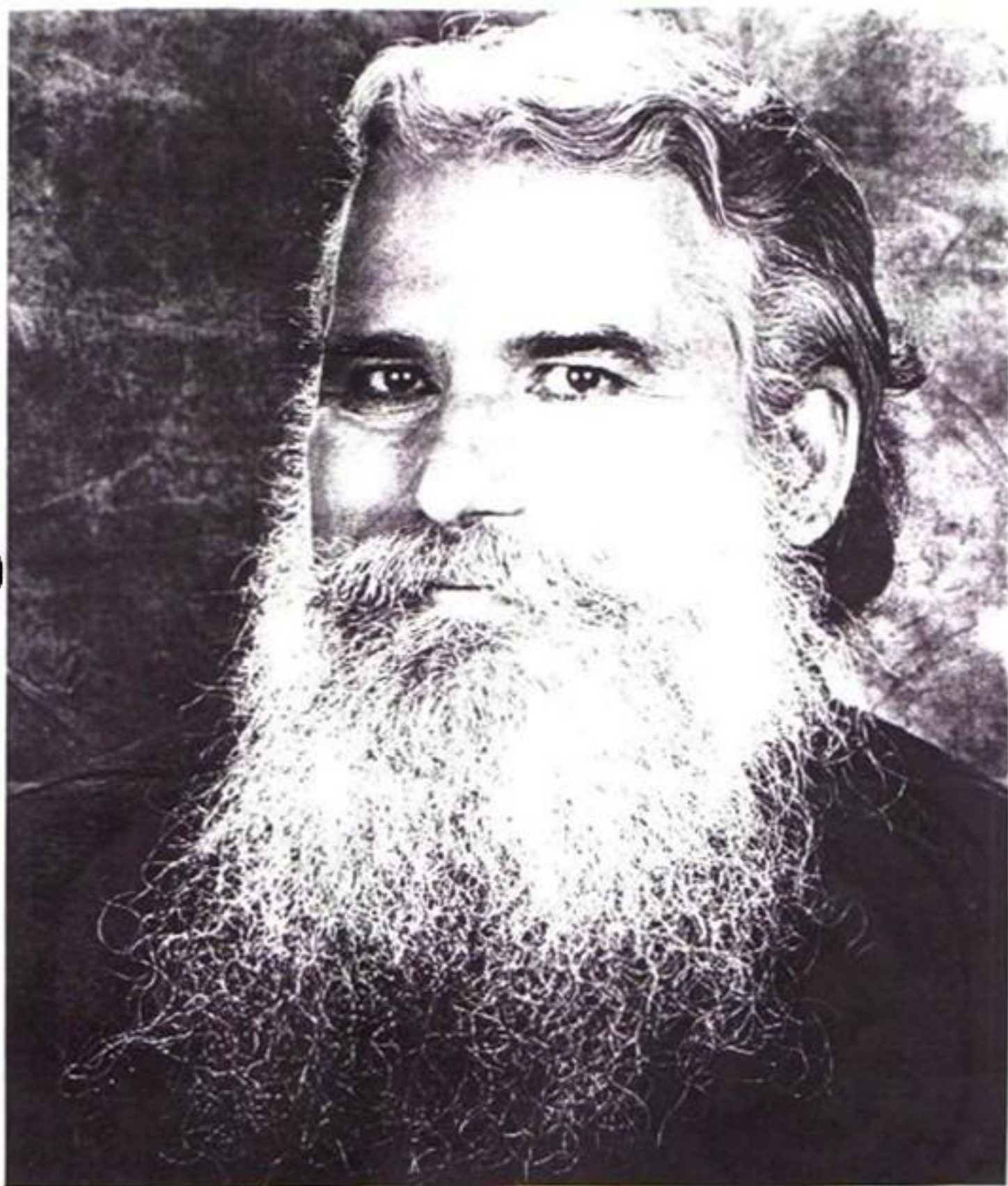
SUBMITTED BY
CHARLES H.
BOGART



COLORS
NOT
SUPPLIED



OUR FOUNDER



SARGE BOOKER

TWO NICE CPO RATINGS WITH BULLION EAGLES AND GOLD CHEVRONS FOR GOOD CONDUCT

THERE WERE FOUR USN RATINGS THAT FEATURED AN OPEN BOOK AS PART OF THE SPECIALTY MARK.
CAN YOU NAME THEM? (AZ - MS - PI - SO)

CHIEF STEWARD - DRESS BLUE RATING 1953-1975

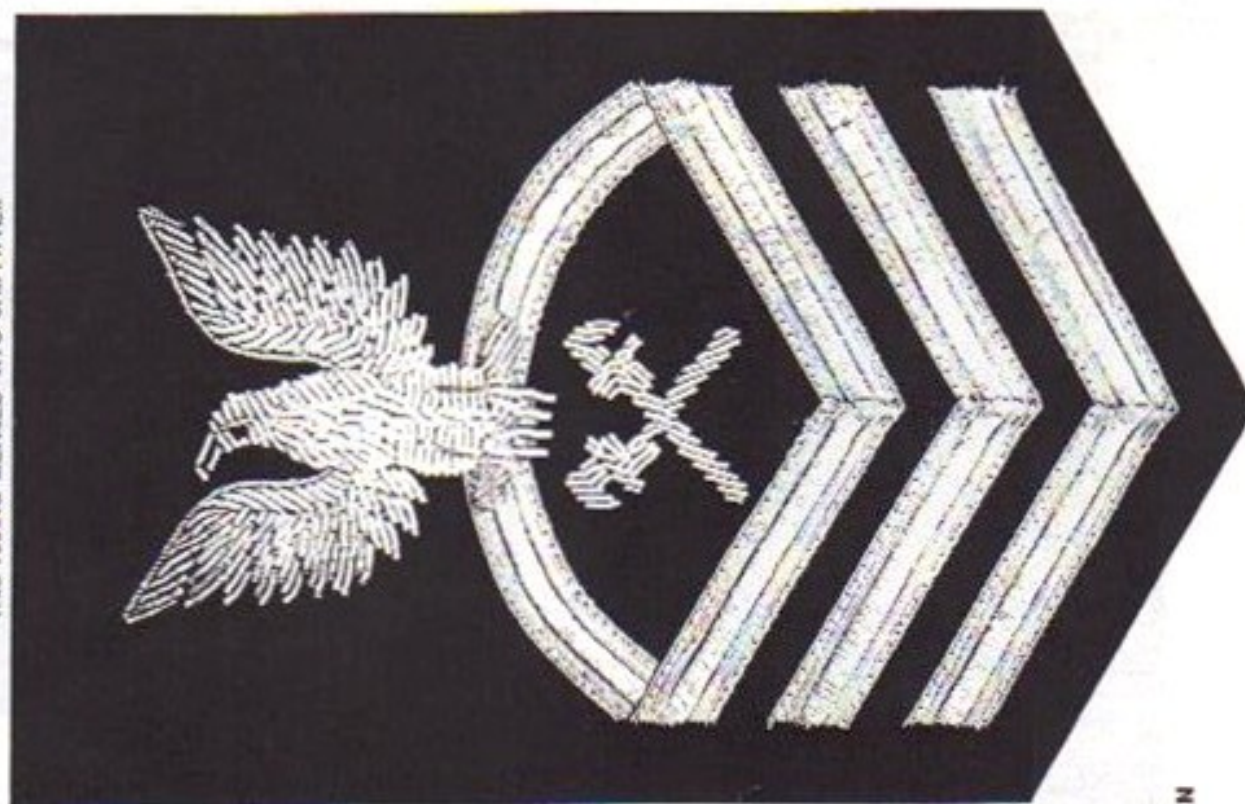
MERGED WITH COMMISSARYMAN INTO MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST



FIVE TAIL FEATHERS-LONG PERCH- HORIZONTAL WINGS & BEAK

CHIEF PIPEFITTER - DRESS BLUE RATING 1947-1968

THIS RATING MERGED INTO SHIPFITTER



FOUR TAIL FEATHERS-SHORT PERCH-UP-SWEPT WINGS & BEAK

SUBMITTED BY
DAVID F. SULLIVAN

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE CHAPLAIN
WITH RANK OF CAPTAIN

BULLION EMBROIDERED CHRISTIAN CHAPLAIN CROSS
 FLANKED BY TWO STARS OF THE USMM - FOUR
 5/16" STRIPES - USMM BUTTON - ALL IN SILVER



POINT OF INTEREST

THE U.S. NAVY HAD NO GOLD RANK BAR
 FOR ENSIGN UNTIL 16 NOV 1918



NAVAL AVIATION OBSERVER (RADAR)
RARE POST WWII BULLION WING

THIS WAS FIRST DESCRIBED IN BUPERS CL 313-45
 (DATE UNKNOWN) AND APPEARS IN THE NAVY BULLETIN
 OF 31 OCT 1945 & USMC HQ BULLETIN OF JAN 1946
 THIS WING WAS DISCONTINUED 18 MARCH 1947



U.S.S. SUPPLY AOE-6 COMMISSIONED 26 FEBRUARY 1994

A = AUXILIARY O = OILER E = EXPLOSIVE FLEET REPLENISHMENT



THIS BABY IS THE NEWEST AND LARGEST SUPPLY SHIP IN THE U.S. NAVY. SHE IS 753' OVERALL
 107' BEAM - 48,500 LONG TONS - SPEED 30 KNOTS - THAT MAKES HER AS LARGE AS A WWII
 BATTLESHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CLASS

SUBMITTED BY STEVE RONDLE

CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

WHITE USN TYPE P.O. EAGLE AND
LETTER O - RED F - BLUE E BORDER
ORANGE - ALL ON A DARK KHAKI
COTTON DIAMOND 3 1/2" SQUARE
IS THIS THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF
EAGLES? HELP?

CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

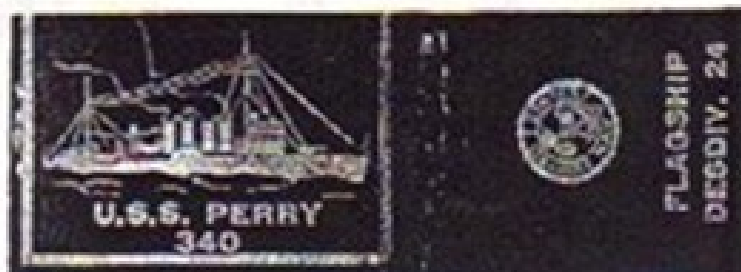
DEEP BLUE STOCK ANCHOR
WHITE LETTERS SNL ON
A DARK KHAKI COTTON PATCH



STEVE RONDE

USNA DILLION BLAZER CREST

SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM J. MURPHY

USS PERRY DD-340 - DMS-17

CLEMSON CLASS - FLUSH DECK FOUR PIPE
DESTROYER - MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD, CALIF.

LAID DOWN: 15 SEPT 1920
LAUNCHED: 29 OCT 1921
COMME: 7 AUG 1922 - DECOM: 17 JAN 1923
RECOMM: 1 APRIL 1930 - REDEG: DMS-17
(HIGH SPEED MINESWEEPER) - 19 NOV 1940
PEARL HARBOR VET WITH ONE KILL
LOST FROM ENEMY MINE AT ANGUAR, PALAU
13 SEPT 1944 - RECEIVED SIX BATTLE STARS
FOR WWII

A NEW PERRY (DD-844) WAS LAUNCHED
25 OCT 1945 TO REPLACE DMS-17.

STEVE RONDE

U.S.S. ASTORIA CL-90



BLACK SILK JACKET FROM ASTORIA'S LAST WES PAC CRUISE TO CHINA BEFORE THE 1949 COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER OF THE MAINLAND. SHE WAS ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN AS WILKES-BARRE, BUT RENAMED 10 OCT 1947 AFTER THE LOSS OF THE USS ASTORIA CA-34 AT THE BATTLE OF SAVO ISLAND 8-9 AUG 1942. CL-90 WAS COMMISSIONED 17 MAY 1944; SHE TOOK PART IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC OPERATIONS OF 1944-1945. SHE WAS DECOMMISSIONED 1 JULY 1949, AND HELD IN RESERVE UNTIL SCRAPPED 1 NOV 1949 IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE RECEIVED FIVE BATTLESTARS FOR HER WWII SERVICE. NOTE: THE NAME WILKES-BARRE WAS GIVEN TO THE NEW CLEVELAND-FAIRGO CLASS (LIGHT CRUISER CL120)

A WWI GHOST RETURNS TO THE SCENE OF THE BATTLE

WORLD WAR ONE
U-BOAT UNCOVERED
ON THE GOODWINS

THE bulk of a World War One German submarine was spotted on the northern part of the Goodwin Sands on Monday evening. It was discovered by the Manton air sea rescue helicopter and was completely uncovered, with the conning tower plainly visible.

The discovery recalls a 20-minute battle of the Great War in World War I - a battle witnessed by onlookers on Goodwin.

It was at dawn on November 24, 1917, that the U-boat was caught on the surface by armed destroyers of the Dover Patrol. The U-boat had been trapped in the submarine nets and had surfaced to free itself.

Destroyers and submarines opened fire at each other, and a running fight ensued. In trying to escape across the Goodwin, the U-boat ran aground on the North West Spit, and when a destroyer moved in to fight the German warship, some of them began to sink in the sand before blowing up their own lives and off.

The submarine was quickly scuttled up by the Goodwin, and in 1917 all that remained in her shrouding at low water

was a small piece of her conning tower sticking up out of the sand like the ribs of an anchor.

One of the Germans who died in battle in World War One, and others who were wounded were buried in the Royal Manton cemetery.

The uncovering of the U-boat at low water on Monday evening must have resulted from some massive tidal movements of sand over the Goodwin.

By a strange coincidence, the Goodwin Sands, which suggests the going of another U-boat in World War II.

The Royal Navy sent the survey vessel, HMS Echo, to investigate, and found the U-boat lying on the beach. The German shipyard in London was closed.

Later, Jimmy Hogg said the submarine was not a danger to shipping, and no dangerous wreckage was found.

NO DATE WAS ATTACHED TO THIS ARTICLE THAT MY FRIEND U.D. MAKINS (SEE PAGE 37) SENT ME IN 1973; BUT OBVIOUSLY POST WWII BY HELICOPTER REFERENCE

ENLISTEDMAN - USMC



TURN OF THE CENTURY SUMMER KHAJI UNIFORM

SUBMITTED BY STEVE RHOZE

AEROGRAPHER'S MATE 3rd CLASS - WHITE

FOREIGN
MADE CROWBOB
ARMSTRONG

WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY SHOWN ANY OF THE WWII DOULBE LETTER PETTY OFFICER RATINGS THAT WERE UNIQUE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD

PORT SECURITY PATROLMAN 3rd CLASS - WHITE



REDUCED
15%

PORT LIAISON 3rd CLASS - KHAKI

DO ANY OF YOU USCG COLLECTORS
HAVE ANY INFO ON THIS?



PORT SECURITY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



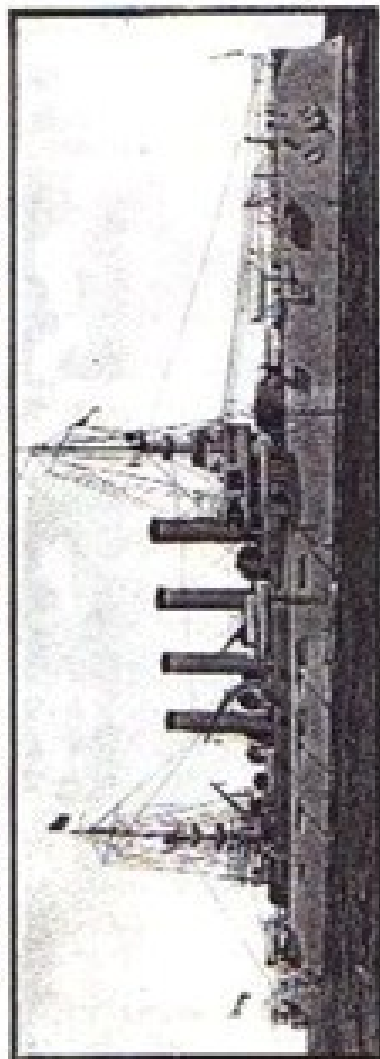
THIS IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS THE BLOCK LETTERS PS NOT IN
A DIAMOND AS COMMONLY SEEN - REMEMBER THE USN CB
RATING BADGE FIRST HAD BLOCK LETTERS CB ONLY
SEE CROW'S NEST NO. 10, PAGE 71

CHEMICAL WARFAREMAN 2nd CLASS - KHAKI

THIS RATING IS DATED 1943 ON REVERSE



ANYONE HAVE A (TR) TO SHOW?



USS WEST VIRGINIA ARMORED CRUISER ACRL-3

AUTH: 3 MARCH 1899 - LAUNCHED: 18 APRIL 1903 - COMMISSIONED

23 FEB 1905 - ASIATIC SQUADRON - PACIFIC DUTY - VERA CRUZ
 BACK TO PACIFIC DUTY - RENAMED USS HUNTINGTON 11 NOV 1906,
 SO HER OLD NAME COULD BE USED FOR THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED
 BB-48 - BACK TO THE ATLANTIC FLEET - WWI SERVICE - 8 ESCORT
 SHIPS TO EUROPE - 6 MORE AFTER ARMISTICE RETURNING 12,000
 TROOPS - DECOMMISSIONED: 1 SEPT 1920 - STRUCK FROM THE
 NAVY LIST: 12 MARCH 1939 - SOLD: 20 AUG 1930 IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH THE LONDON TREATY LIMITING NAVAL ARMAMENT

GOLD PRINTED LETTERS ON A PURPLE BLUE 1 3/16 INCH WIDE CAP RIBBON

U.S.S. WEST VIRGINIA

A SIMILAR RIBBON ON PURPLE BLUE IS ALSO KNOWN TO EXIST FOR THE BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY WHICH WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ASIATIC FLEET FROM 1901-1904, 2 YEARS BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA. WHEN THESE THREE SHIPS WERE IN SERVICE THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED A 1 1/2 INCH BLACK RIBBON WITH 1/2 INCH GOLD LETTERING TO BE WORN ON THE PLAT HAT. THESE THREE RIBBONS ARE THOROUGHLY NON-REGULATION. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THESE ARE "TAILOR MADE" RIBBONS PURCHASED BY SAILORS IN THE ASIATIC SECTION FOR WEAR ASHORE WITH THEIR LIBERTY UNIFORMS, OR U.S. MADE NOVELTY SCVENERS. THE USE OF GOLD ANCHORS ON THE ENDS OF THE RIBBON IS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF EUROPEAN NAVIES. THE JAPANESE NAVY ALSO HAD CAP RIBBONS WITH ANCHORS, BUT LARGER AND UNFOLDED.



GOLD SILK THREAD EMBROIDERED LETTERS ON A WHITE 1 3/16 INCH WIDE CAP RIBBON
 A SIMILAR STYLE CAP RIBBON IN MAROON ALSO EXISTS

PROTECTED CRUISER 3

7 JAN 1890 - 7 MARCH 1915

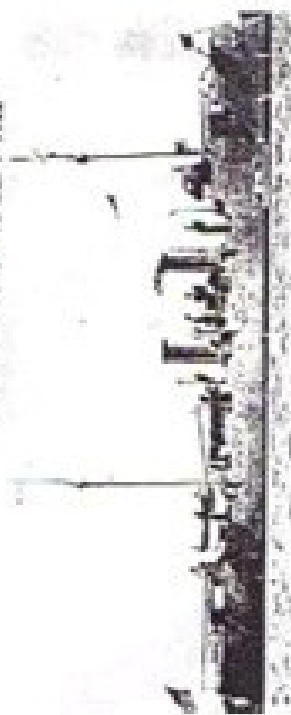


SERVICE

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON
 BATTLE OF MANILLA BAY 1898
 CARIBBEAN-MED-ASIATIC
 RECEIVING SHIP 1911-1912
 MINELAYER 1915 - LATED NORTH
 SEA MINE FIELD - PACIFIC FLEET
 DECOM: 1922 - SOLD: 15 FEB 1930

MINELAYER CMI

8 MARCH 1915 - 15 SEPT 1922



SUBMITTED BY

CAP RIBBONS HAVE BEEN FOLDED AND REDUCED

STEVE RHODE

LT. HOBSON'S DARING EXPLOIT AT SANTIAGO, CUBA 1898

IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 3 JUNE 1898 LT. HOBSON AND A VOLUNTEER CREW OF SEVEN, NAVIGATED THE 330 FOOT, 5,000 TON NAVY COLLIER USS MERRIMAC INTO THE CHANNEL AT SANTIAGO, CUBA. SHE HAD BEEN RIGGED WITH TEN ELECTRICALLY FIRED TORPEDOS - SPANISH FIRE DISABLED HER AND THE CHARGER, AND WHEN SHE SANK IT WAS NOT IN THE INTENDED LOCATION.



RADM. RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON
PICTURED HERE AS A YOUNG LT. NAVAL
CONSTRUCTOR DURING THE SPANISH
AMERICAN WAR 1898

Richmond Pearson Hobson was born 17 August 1870 in Greensboro, Ala., and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1890. After duty in Chicago he underwent additional training and was appointed Assistant Naval Constructor in 1895. Hobson then served at various Navy Yards and facilities, including a tour of duty as constructor at the Naval Academy. In the early days of Spanish American War, he was with Sampson in New York, and arrived off Santiago 1 June 1898. In order to bottle up Cervera's squadron Hobson took temporary command of collier *Merrimac*, which he would attempt to sink as an obstruction in the channel. The gallant attempt was made early 3 June under heavy Spanish fire, which disabled the steering gear of the collier. Hobson did sink *Merrimac*, but was unable to place her in the shallowest part of the channel. With his intrepid crew of six, he was picked up by Admiral Cervera himself, and treated quite chivalrously for his gallant expedition. Hobson was advanced 16 numbers in grade after the war and later, in 1908, awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic attempt to block the channel. After the Spanish American War he worked on the repairing and refitting of captured Spanish cruisers at Cavite and at various shore stations of the Navy. Resigning in 1905, Hobson remained a staunch supporter of the Navy and during his subsequent career as a Congressman from Alabama, 1905-11, was a firm advocate of naval expansion. In 1904, by special act of Congress, he was advanced to Naval Constructor with a rank of Rear Admiral, and placed on the retired list. Rear Admiral Hobson died 16 March 1951 in New York City.



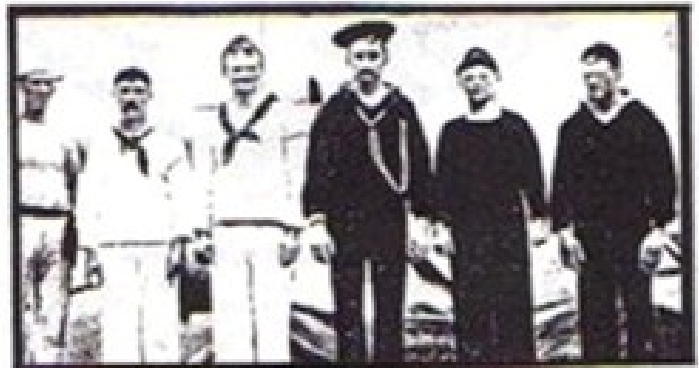
LT. HOBSON AND HIS CREW HOLDING ON TO THE LIFE RAFT
PRIOR TO BEING CAPTURED BY THE SPANISH.
THEY WERE HELD POW 3 JUNE - 5 JULY 1898.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE IN FOUR ACCOUNTS OF THIS
ADVENTURE WE FIND REFERENCES TO SIX AND SEVEN
VOLUNTEERS PLUS LT. HOBSON. NOTE EIGHT MEN IN
THE ABOVE PAINTING.

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Richmond Pearson Hobson
April 10, 1907

HOBSON'S AUTOGRAPH 1907 - FOUR
YEARS AFTER LEAVING THE NAVY



SIX OF THE SEVEN ENLISTEDMEN WHO VOLUNTEERED
TO HELP LT. HOBSON

THE SEVENTH MAN WAS CHIEF
BOATSWAIN'S MATE OSBORN W. DEIGNAN

MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND
LT(jg) ENGINEERING OFFICER

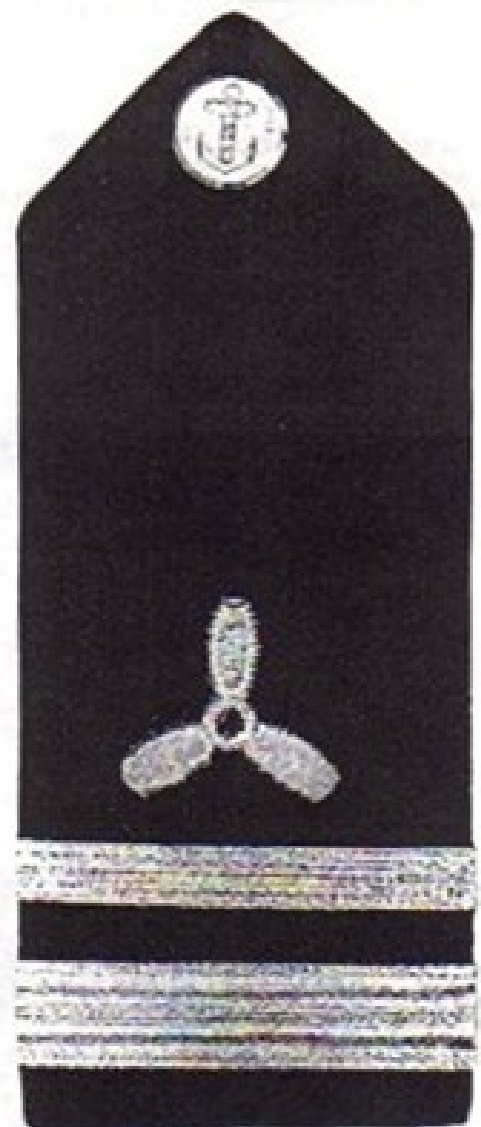
QUALITY **THE NAVAL CADET** BRAND GUARANTEED
SWISS EMBROIDERED EMBLEMS



CHIEF GUNNER'S MATE

SHOWN ABOVE IS THE TOP OF A CARD UPON WHICH WAS LIGHTLY STITCHED A CPO GM RATING. IT APPEARS TO BE A TURN OF THE CENTURY MANUFACTURE, BUT NOT TO STRICT GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS. NOTE THE SINGLE STITCHING ON THE CHEVRONS AND RATHER FULL EAGLE. OTHER CARDS HAD THE SAME RATING, BUT STILL IN THE ORIGINAL RECTANGULAR SHAPE.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



MSC NAME CHANGED ON 1 AUG 1970 FROM MNTS WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY THE ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE. NOTE MSC VERTICALLY ON THE SHANK OF THE ANCHOR.



U.S. NAVY LEAGUE

YELLOW-GOLD ANCHOR AND TIES, PURPLE-BLUE USNL WITHIN A WHITE CIRCLE ALL ON A DARK KHAQI COTTON DISC 2 1/2" IN DIAMETER

WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION WWII BULLION CAP BADGEESTABLISHED 1942

VADM EMORY S. LAND USN (RET.) CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION
AND ADMISTRATOR OF THE WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

AUTHORIZED PATTERN

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SHIELD WITH THREE
WHITE STARS - GOLD EAGLE & WREATH

BASIC DESIGN OF
THE USMS EXCEPT
COLORED SHIELD
REPLACES THE
SHIELD WITH
ANCHOR
SUPERIMPOSED

VARIATION PATTERN

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SHIELD WITH THIRTEEN
WHITE STARS - SILVER EAGLE & WREATH

CAPTAIN JAMES C. TILY (CEC) USN RET.

AS WE CLOSE THE CROW'S NEST FOR 1994 LET US TAKE A
MOMENT TO THANK A FELLOW SAILOR WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED
GREATLY TO THE STUDY OF U.S. NAVY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA.
HIS BOOK, UNIFORMS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, 1964 IS A
VALUABLE REFERENCE SOURCE FOR ALL COLLECTORS.
HE WOULD BE 92 THIS YEAR. BE YOU HERE OR GONE
WE SALUTE YOU!

SMALL CRAFT

20 MAY 1971
GOLD - OFFICER
SILVER - ENLISTED

CRAFTMASTER

20 MAY 1971
ENLISTED ONLY

U.S. NAVY UNAUTHORIZED ENLISTED
BASEBALL CAP INSIGNIA

THESE WERE NEVER APPROVED BY THE NAVY, BUT THEY
WERE MANUFACTURED AND WORN. NOTE THE CHEVRONS
ARE MADE FROM ENLISTED USMC METAL RANKS.



FIRECONTROL TECHNICIAN
NON RATED STRIKER
1946 - 1955



NUCLEAR WEAPONSMAN
2nd CLASS PETTY OFFICER
1957 - 1961

CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN WHY THE USMS HAD TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF CPO RATING BADGES IN WWII, WITH AND WITHOUT THE ANCHORS?

ALSO, ANY AUTHORIZATION DATES FOR USMS RATINGS, BOTH NON RATED AND PETTY OFFICER? SEE CROW'S NEST NO.7, PAGE 32

CHIEF MACHINIST'S MATE - KHAKI

USMS - CHEVRONS - PROPELLER ARE NAVY BLUE
ALL ON A KHAKI BACKGROUND



THIS TYPE OF CPO IS ALSO FOUND IN BLUE WITH WHITE
USMS AND PROPELLER, BUT WITH RED CHEVRONS;
ALSO WITH NO ANCHOR

USMS RATINGS WERE MADE FOR THREE
DIFFERENT UNIFORMS - BLUE - KHAKI - WHITE

CHIEF STOREKEEPER - KHAKI

USMS - ANCHOR - SPECIALTY MARK AND CHEVRONS
ARE RED - ALL ON A KHAKI BACKGROUND



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DEGATUR ROHDE

U.S. COAST GUARD METAL HONOR GUARD IDENTIFICATION BADGE

CHUCK BASS



BADGE AS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AND SHOWN IN
USCG UR CHANGE 1 5-C-4 PAGE 2 UNDATED



CURRENT DESIGN IN 2 SIZES - GOLD - HOLLOW - CLUTCH BACK
SMALL 20 x30mm
LARGE 33x50mm

NOTES



THE TIME HAS COME THE WALRUS SAID, TO SPEAK OF MANY THINGS

THE CROW'S NEST HAS GROWN FROM 6 PAGES IN JULY 1992 TO 62 PAGES IN THIS ISSUE - ALL DONE FOR FREE AND AS A LABOR OF LOVE. SARGE CAN NO LONGER INCUR THE COST OF THE COPIES AND POSTAGE, AND S & M ENTERPRISES CAN NOT JUSTIFY THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME THIS ENDEAVOR HAS TAKEN FROM THEIR MANY OTHER PROJECTS. AS A RESULT, THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE CROW'S NEST AS WE KNOW IT TODAY.

EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 1994, ALL MATERIAL AND MAILING LISTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO WAYNE BRIGGS OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. HE WILL TAKE OVER PUBLICATION OF THE CROW'S NEST, AND IT WILL BE A MAGAZINE FORMAT, 40-48 PAGES, WITH SHORT ARTICLES, ITEMS OF INTEREST, AND ADVERTISEMENTS. WAYNE INTENDS TO PUBLISH 4 ISSUES A YEAR STARTING 1 JANUARY 1995, AND THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE WILL BE \$20.00. HE WILL SEND A COMPLIMENTARY COPY TO ALL ON THE CURRENT MAILING LIST. DO NOT SEND ANY ITEMS TO SARGE BOOKER OR STEVE ROHDE. SUBMIT THEM TO:

WAYNE BRIGGS P.O. BOX5631 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80911

BACK ISSUES OF THE CROW'S NEST CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING STEPHEN D. ROHDE AT: 927 E. HOMESTEAD ROAD, SUNNYVALE, CA 94087. WRITE FOR A PRICE QUOTE ON ANY ISSUES YOU ARE MISSING.

COMMENTS

ISSUE 12 PAGE 6 - WAVE RECRUIT SHOULDER PATCH - SOME FURTHER INFORMATION - THIS WAS AUTHORIZED BY CHANGE NO. 3 TO THE 1947 UNIFORM REGULATIONS DATED 21 OCTOBER 1948 AS AN ORANGE DIAMOND 4 x 3 1/2" AND WORN ON THE LEFT SLEEVE. IT WAS REDUCED IN SIZE TO 3 1/2 x 2 3/4" IN THE UR OF 10 AUGUST 1951, AND CHANGED TO A YELLOW DIAMOND IN UR OF 17 OCTOBER 1969. IT WAS STILL SHOWN IN CHANGE NO. 5 OF 25 MAY 1973, BUT ABOLISHED BY THE UR OF 1975. IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN BOTH LEFTS AND RIGHTS; HOWEVER, UNIFORM REGULATIONS STATE THAT IT WAS WORN ONLY ON THE LEFT SLEEVE. DOES ANYONE HAVE A PHOTO OF THIS PATCH BEING WORN?

ISSUE NO. 12 PAGE 13 - THE FOUR CHAPLAINS STORY - THE CORRECT IDENTIFICATION OF THE U-BOAT IS U-223, NOT THE U-456. STEPHEN L. FULLER BROUGHT THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. SEVERAL DIFFERENT REFERENCE SOURCES GIVE THIS INCORRECT U-BOAT NUMBER.

ISSUE NO. 12 PAGE 34 - THE COLOR DESCRIPTION OF THE GERMAN WATER PROTECTION POLICE CAP BADGE WAS LEFT OFF. IT IS A GOLD WREATH WITH SILVER NATIONAL EAGLE. THIS IS WHAT SETS IT APART FROM THE STANDARD ALL ONE COLOR ALUMINUM CAP BADGE.

ISSUE NO. 13 PAGE 51 - IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT WHEN SEAMAN APPRENTICE S.D. ROHDE REPORTED ABOARD THE USS KEARSARGE IN APRIL 1960 THERE WERE STILL TWO EMs WEARING THE CROSSED PIPE WRENCHES OF THIS RATING THREE YEARS AFTER IT WAS ABOLISHED.

BOB ARMSTRONG HAS A TRADE LIST OF P.O. RATINGS AND DMs. GIVE HIM A SHOT; HIS ADDRESS IS: 45 MAIN STREET, WILMINGTON, MASS 01887.

STEVE ROHDE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE REGARDING ID TAGS. SEND HIM ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR TAG COPIES. ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED BY THE DOG TAG KING.

DOES ANYONE KNOW OF A BOOK ON U.S. SHIP CAMOUFLAGE MARKINGS EITHER OF WWI OR WWII? THIS IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT IN WHICH THERE IS VERY LITTLE PUBLISHED INFORMATION.

WELL, FOLKS, THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE. WE WORKED VERY HARD TO MAKE THIS FLY, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE CROW HAS FLOWN THE NEST.

OUR BEST TO EVERYONE!

Stephen & Mary Anne





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